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First Christian Church

Volume 6

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Number 1

A CHURCH SPEAKS

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I seem to see again the little ones with happy faces. Young folks who come forward to confess their faith. The voices of the loved ones, many of them long since gone, live within my walls. Joyous bridal processions will linger within the memory of my beams and rafters. The glad hosannas of Easter and the happy Birthdays, re-echo. I hearken again to the subdued sobbing of grief-stricken souls who mourn.

For, my friend, I am not a mere building of brick and plaster and wood; I am the House of God. His spirit will remain in me so long as my consecrated purposes are kept alive.

—Clipped.

HARVEST HOME INGATHERING

October is the month when the annual food gifts to the Marion Home are received. Anyone wishing to share with these gifts may do so by bringing the same to the church on any Sunday during October. Women of the Council may leave theirs at the church on General Council day.

Let us not forget to share with these ladies.

RUMOR

Kill a rumor on the spot,
Let it die and be forgot.
If you scorn to pass it on,
It will soon be dead and gone.
Be polite, but be discreet,
Ugly stories don't repeat.
If it's whispered unto you,
You can bet it isn't true.
If it's good news for the foe,
Ten to one it isn't so.
To be silent's very wise,
Unrepeated rumor, dies.
If it's vicious, if it's vile,
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Much too smart to pass it on!

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MORNING WORSHIP

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EVERY SUNDAY

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell
Come ye before Him, and rejoice.
O, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name Always,
For it is seemly so to do.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Louis A. Warren will be our guest speaker, Sunday, October 10, 1943.

TRIANGLE

The regular monthly meeting of the Triangle will be held at the home of Kathryn Leversee, 902 Nuttman Street, Tuesday evening, October 12, 7:30 - 9:30 P. M.

"The Church and America's Peoples" is the program material to be used for study by the group. The giving from the Triangle will become a part of the National Christian World Fellowship Fund.

Officers for the coming year are Virginia Dare, president, Kathryn Leversee, vice-president; Donna Blair, secretary; and Leonard Horn Treasurer.

All boys and girls of the "teen"-age in the church are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

MRS. CHARLES DARE, Sponsor.

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● "IN JOURNEYINGS OFTEN"

Scattered among the hills of Jamaica are thirty-five Christian Churches—well-built, beautiful little churches, established by the oldest of our foreign missions. To reach them one travels narrow winding roads clinging to the mountain sides.

Our pastors feel the responsibility that is theirs in these isolated communities. Cyril Robertson, one of our pastors, relates his recent experience in reaching Fairy Hill Church from Kingston, a distance of sixty miles. At three o'clock Friday morning he went by bicycle to the Kingston bus station—only to find that that bus was not running because they could not get gas. He could, however, get another bus to Annotto Bay, where he arrived about eight in the morning. Here a friend attempted to get him a ride the rest of the way, but to no avail.

The late afternoon bus along this route did not stop at that station that day. So borrowing a bicycle he rode several miles

to the next station, caught the bus, and by night fall had arrived at Hope Bay, only seven miles from Fairy Hill. But the horse and buggy that was to have met him was not there. He secured a ride with six other passengers in an old Ford which was to take him five miles farther on the way. After going a mile and a half the gas gave out and the driver returned for more. In a little more than an hour he returned, the car started, and proceeded to within three and one-half miles of Fairy Hill. Another taxi took him two miles farther; but the last mile and a half had to be made on foot, over a mountain, in the pouring rain, plodding along in mud over his shoe tops.

"I don't know," says Cyril, "whether I felt as good when I earned my first diploma. For the first time the church could not give me enough to cover my traveling expenses. But no matter how much I do I cannot equal the Apostle Paul."

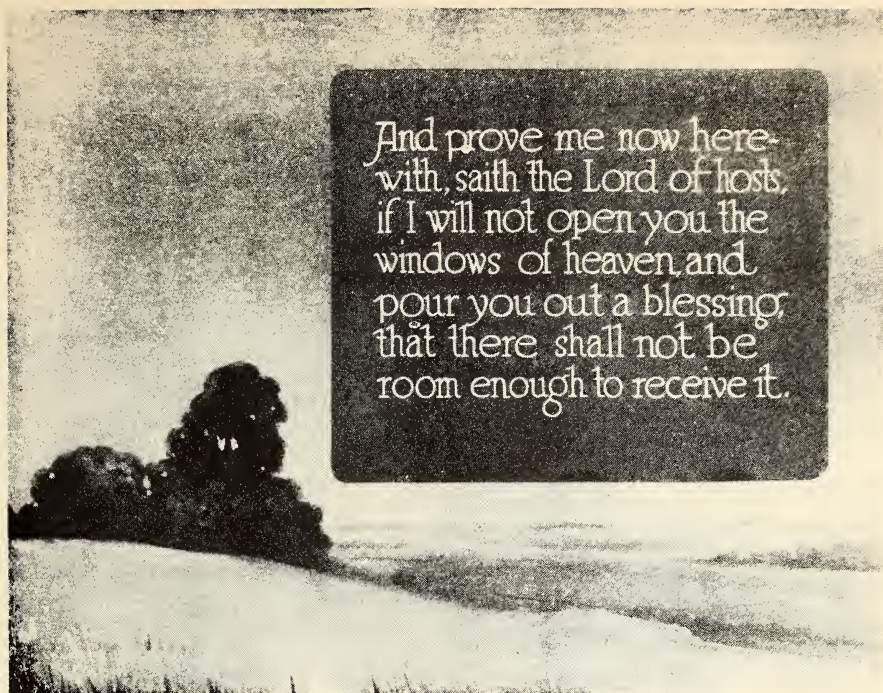
● CHINA RELIEF — NOW!

Free China is crowded with refugees from the eastern provinces, now occupied by the Japanese army. They left business, home, all possessions, to secure freedom—which Americans can well understand.

Now famine is attacking them, leaving children homeless, sick and hungry; adults too weak to care for themselves. In Honan Province it is reported the famine is the worst ever experienced—and there are thousands more to feed than in former times. A special Wartime Service Committee of the National Christian Council is cooperating with the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives to establish a Children's Home for refugees in this province. One report is that 600,000 have fled from that area.

Our own missionaries are asking for \$27,000 in relief money alone, which they as a mission will use in Christian service. Every penny remitted for "China Relief" is sent by cable to the treasurer of the China Christian Mission in Chengtu.





And prove me now here-
with, saith the Lord of hosts,
if I will not open you the
windows of heaven and
pour you out a blessing;
that there shall not be
room enough to receive it.

Trusting God

Whoever plants a leaf beneath the sod,
And waits to see it push away the clod,
He trusts in God.

Whoever says, when clouds are in the sky,
"Be patient, heart; light breaketh by and by,"
He trusts in God.

Whoever sees 'neath winter's field of snow
The silent harvest of the future grow,
God's power must know.

Whoever lies down on his couch to sleep,
Content to lock each sense in slumber deep,
Knows God will keep.



O God, thou has been very good to us. Thy blessings have been abundant. From scourge and pestilence, from storm and flood, protect us. With abundant harvests, enrich us. Save us from boastfulness and pride. May we bear to other peoples of the earth a living testimony to our love of justice, righteousness and peace through our humility and our trust in thee. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are starting a new plan for our opening devotional period in our Church School, whereby each class will have an active part.

Next Sunday, October 10, Mrs. Robert Scott's class will have charge of the devotions and the following Sunday, October 17, they will be taken over by Mrs. Ray Woodhull's class.

We also want to thank the High School class for being in the choir loft last Sunday. They added much to the spirit of the program. We hope to see them there every Sunday.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

December 1st is the deadline for ordering your Christmas Cards from the Council. They have a very fine selection from which to choose. Any member of the Women's Council will be glad to take your order or arrange for you to see the samples.

"Don't put until tomorrow what you can do today".

Parents are you teaching your children their responsibility to God! At the age of twelve Jesus said to his anxious parents, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" The years of patient, diligent instruction which Mary and Joseph had given Jesus were bearing fruit already, for Jesus was beginning to realize His responsibility to His Heavenly Father.

If your children are to be stalwart, independent thinking citizens tomorrow, they must have proper instruction today. Bring them to Sunday School and Church on Sunday morning where they may learn to build their lives on the **only sure** foundation, Jesus Christ.

MR. AND MRS. H. P. LOVE.

NOW

Now that you have seen the fall colors of the leaves; now that you have taken another look at the lake (the same one you have been looking at all summer); now that you have attended that family reunion; now that you have your storm windows in; **no doubt** you will join the rest of us at Sunday School and Church next Sunday.

—Cleared

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

There will be a meeting of the Youth Fellowship Sunday evening 6:30 at the Church. An interesting discussion and special music have been planned.

Come and meet the other young people of the Church and Sunday School.

OUR SERVICE MEN

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"My speech I have regretted often; my silence never."

—Seneca.

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Number 2

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Louis A. Warren will be our guest speaker, Sunday, October 17.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The executive meeting of the Woman's Council will be held Tuesday, October 19th at the church at 1:00 P. M., followed by the meeting of the General Council. Mrs. A. L. Haddox will review the book "Her Son's Wife" by Dorothy Canfield. Devotions will be in charge of Ruth Circle. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting and a large attendance is requested.

COUNTY MEETING

The County Meeting of Christian Churches of Allen County will be held at West Creighton Ave. Church, on Tuesday October 19th, at 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. M. Shockney of Portland, Indiana will be the speaker. Special music will be provided for the occasion. All Christian Churches in Allen County will be represented, and First Christian should have a large group present. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

SHOES

If you have wearable shoes which your children have outgrown, they can be used by the Cleveland Home. Only shoes in wearable condition should be sent. For your convenience you may bring them to the church where they will be packed and shipped to the home. Many people have already donated money to the shoe fund, and if you have not already done so, and care, to, please get in touch with Mrs. A. O. Schell.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Now that the Christian Endeavor is going full swing in its fall program, we would like to have all you young people in the Church attend. We can assure you of some very fine discussions and a lot of good times. Last Sunday night nineteen young folks attended, which was just short one of doubling the attendance of the previous meeting. The topics for the next three meetings are Friendship, Courtship, and Marriage.

We are also planning a halloween party for the latter part of the month. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of new faces at the church this Sunday eve at 6:30.

YOUR CHURCH SCHOOL

The devotional service for next Sunday morning will be led by Mrs. Ray Woodhulls, Ladies Class. The following Sunday's service will be arranged by the Progressive Class, Mr. A. O. Schell, teacher.

If everything goes well we will have an orchestra in the opening exercises to help out with the school's music. Let's have a real turn out and make these musicians feel that their efforts are not wasted.

In reviewing the attendance board, it is noted, that there was an increase in attendance of 43 for Sunday over the previous Sunday.

Will we have another increase? **That all depends on you.**

We have a lifetime in which to solve the problems that are ahead of us at First Christian. There will be burdens and cares and worries, but if we will be patient, the years will spread them thin — so thin that it will be easy to carry them if we all pitch in and do our proportionate share.

We are as young as our faith, as old as our doubt, as young as our self-confidence, as old as our fear, as young as our hope, as old as our despair. May we be a forward moving force and stay on the young side.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Woman's Council will appreciate orders for Christmas cards from members of the church and their friends. There is a fine selection in all price ranges. Mrs. Owen Vaught is in charge of the sales, so if you will get in touch with her she will be glad to give you any further information.

• RECRUITS IN HOME MISSIONS

Mr. R. W. Coss is teaching agriculture in **Jarvis Christian College**, Hawkins, Texas, this year. He will also supervise their farm program which, carried on by student labor, produces most of the food stuff required for students and faculty. Jarvis enrolls approximately 200 Negro young people per year.

Yakima Indian Christian Mission, White Swan, Washington, has secured Miss Martha Gibson as new matron for the girls' dormitory this year, where from 20 to 25 Indian girls make their home during the school year. She has just returned from Asuncion, Paraguay, where for five years she has taught in **Colegio Internacional**.

Several changes have taken place in the staff for **Southern Christian Institute**, Edwards, Mississippi, such as the retirement of Miss Naomi Legier who has been secretary for sixteen years, and the transfer of Miss Virginia Nichols to that position; the securing of Mr. William K. Fox as head of the department of religion,

who will direct the work of the ministerial students and also help the Negro churches of the state to build better religious programs; the addition of Miss Marilynne Hill for the English Department. Miss Hill is the daughter of our India missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill.

• MONDOMBE ENROLLS THE WOMEN

This term in the women's school at Mondombe, Africa, saw a more or less perfect attendance of 32. The women are hard to reach as clothes, husbands and charms loom large in their thinking. As rewards for their attendance they won tied and dyed head scarfs. Besides the regular subjects of reading, writing, hygiene, and Bible, an interesting project of hand work was carried out, in which they went into the forest to hunt two particular fibers. These with pineapple fiber were then made into thread and dyed with forest dyes, and crocheted into belts, purses or tams.

• A PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY

Our Father, we are unspeakably grateful for the Church and those whom Thou hast set apart to declare Thy Word and Will to us. We thank Thee for the Gospel which they preach, and for all thy prophets who have declared it.

Bless our own Pastor. Strengthen the word upon his lips. May his message be Thine and not his own. Let him dare to utter each word in love without fear or favor. May every faculty serve the trust to which he has been called by Thee and ordained by the Church.

Give him bodily health, spiritual culture, mental keenness, and successful achievement of the Kingdom objectives which Thou hast set before him.

Grant unto us the joy and honor of sharing in his devoted service to Thee and humankind.

In the name of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Amen.





*ENTER into his
gates with thanks-
giving,*

*And into his courts
with praise;*

*Give thanks unto him,
and bless his name.*

*For Jehovah is good; his loving kindness endureth forever,
And his faithfulness unto all generations.*

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FAITH IN GOD

FAITH IN GOD, a phrase of three words, only, and yet it fires the imagination and challenges the understanding of all the world's people who have been fortunate enough to hear them spoken.

FAITH is distinctly a human attribute, as it involves both belief and hope, the last named being essentially a part of mankind's very fibre everywhere.

Classical and Biblical reference to the word FAITH would fill many volumes, because the word FAITH is an elastic one implying trust in many things, but FAITH IN GOD is a term based on the infinite, as being boundless and eternal, addressed directly, as we understand it, to a God of power, of love and of mercy, to whom we can pray for FAITH.

FAITH is not a blind reliance on something one cannot consistently feel and believe; heart-felt FAITH IN GOD is based on a soul-compelling desire to believe in God.

One may be tempted to make reference to an indexed list of definitions of FAITH that have illuminated all recorded history with soul-thrilling and compelling thoughts on the subject of FAITH in general, but it may be better, I think, for me to relate a single case of simple, honest confession of FAITH IN GOD, than to fill many pages with varying shades of references of mankind's natural desire to have faith in a supernatural power or Supreme being.

Here is related a comparatively recent example of the awakening of FAITH IN GOD during this time of threatened world chaos. I quote from a letter which I have personally read, as being from a lad less than 19 years of age, who was badly injured on the Cruiser Honolulu at Pearl Harbor on that fateful seventh day of December, 1941. It was written to his Grandfather, a personal friend of mine, some time after the raid, referring to what our boys were called upon to face.

"Yes, I will never forget the card I sent you as of December 8th., the day after that peace-time murder raid. It was new to us all, many of us never having seen man's death in any form; and I am not ashamed Grand Dad to tell you that I prayed, — prayed as I

had never prayed before, and others about me older in age and superior in rank were praying also, as we have done many times since". This I am informed came from a boy who had not the best advantages as to religious training.

Thus we see that FAITH IN GOD is an individual quantity, the quality of which can only be measured by the depth and realness of one's sincerity.

While I have mentioned the possible futility of listing references innumerable, yet to some extent that may be admissible when uttered by God fearing, God loving men of whom we are informed by authentic history.

When George Washington, during the dreadful winter at Valley Forge, surrounded by his ragged, starving patriot soldiers, not far from the well fed troops of King George III, in Philadelphia only a few miles away, prayed alone to "the God of battles" to strengthen his men in the cause of right, it was FAITH IN GOD that prompted that humble and honest prayer for the support of right.

We who profess to be Christians, never tire of the greatest sermon of all time, and that on FAITH IN GOD, when the Master said to the doubting Thomas: "Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless, but believeing.

THE GOOD TEACHER

The Lord is my Teacher,
I shall not lose the way.
He leadeth me in the lowly path of learning
He prepareth a lesson for me every day;
He bringeth me to the clear fountains of instruction;
Little by little He showeth me the beauty of truth.
The world is a great book that He hath written;
He turneth the leaves for me slowly;
They are all enscribed with images and letters
He poureth light on the pictures and the words.
He taketh me by the hand to the hilltop of vision,
And my soul is glad when I perceive His meaning;
In the valley He also walketh beside me;
In the dark places He whispereth to my heart.
—Henry Van Dyke.

THE LAYMEN

When you see a church that's empty
Though its doors are open wide,
It's not the church that's dying,
But the laymen who have died,
For it's not by song and sermon only
That the church's work is done,
But the laymen of the country
Who for God must carry on.

—Edgar Guest.

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OUR NEW MINISTER

Rev. Robert T. Beck has accepted the call extended by the Church to him, and will assume his duties as minister within the next few weeks.

Mr. Beck is a native of this state and was born in Washington, Ind. Here he attended the public schools of that city, graduating from the Wassington high school. At the age of eleven he became a member of the church and was active in the life of the church until he left that city to enter Hiram College. He represented his high school in the inter-high school oratorical contest and while in college he was active in the literary society, representing them in oratory and his college in inter-collegiate debating. War was declared while he was in college and he entered the service as a private and was mustered out from the Field Artillery Officers Training Camp at Camp Taylor at the conclusion of the World War.

For several years following the World War, Mr. Beck was in business in Washington, Indiana. During this time he was for three years secretary of the Washington Business Men's Association and became Commander of the Washington Commandery Knights Templar, No. 33. In this same period Mr. Beck acted as minister first at Birdseye, Indiana and later at Winslow, Indiana. Here there were large increases in membership that resulted in the building of modern churches in the two communities totaling \$50,000 worth of improvement.

In 1925 Mr. Beck entered Yale University and was a resident student for three years. Here he was an honor student and won the public speaking prize each year for the three years, winning first place the second and third years. He was elected vice-president of the Campbell Club, he was made leader of the Every Men's Bible Class and was Advisor of the New Haven Chapter Order of DeMolay. While at Yale Mr. Beck won the Allis Scholarship for high standing in his studies.

At Bethany College where Mr. Beck became minister in 1928 he made extensive improvements to the property, reorganized the student work in a way that attracted brotherhood-wide attention and received large numbers into the church membership.

In 1932 Mr. Beck became the pastor of Greencastle, Indiana, Christian church. Here improvements were made to the church property that were appraised at over \$27,000. College student work was instituted and organized on a permanent basis with a direct connection with DePauw University. The Official Board was put on a functional basis, the Church school graded and a net increase in resident membership between forty and fifty per cent was recorded. During his ministry the Purdue, DePauw and Indiana University Conference was established and maintained. The Men's Forum was organized for the men of the church and the high school group was reorganized.

Mr. Beck has a A. B. degree from Hiram College, a B. D. degree from Yale University, where he wrote his thesis in the field of Psychology of Religion. He has studied in Chicago University, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, in England and on the Continent. He has taught in Young People's Conference, and has contributed articles to religious and educational magazines.

He has spoken before state conventions of the Disciples of Christ in West Virginia, and in Indiana. He is chairman of the Commission of Christian Education in Indiana, a member of the executive committee of the Indiana Council of Christian Education, a member of the Indiana Centennial Commission, and a past president of the Ohio Valley Ministers Association, Chairman of the committee on Character Education of the New Castle Coordinating Council. Mr. Beck is a charter member of the Kiwanis club in Washington, Indiana, Pi Kappa Delta, Acacia fraternity, The Consistory, and Masonic Lodge.

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10:30

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BOOKS

Will all the ladies who have books please return them, at their next circle meeting.

• THE PREACHER

"We preach a changeless Gospel in a changing World. It is the only satisfying solvent for every problem, every heartache, every dilemma, socially economically, politically and personally. We carry the torch of hope to a world in darkness whose shadows are lengthening. . . . The person who cares what happens to the world can't toss off this call to the ministry lightly."

—Dr. Joseph Sizoo.

A business man of a certain city said, upon hearing of the resignation of a minister there, "This city could well afford to pay him a salary, if thereby we could keep this man of God in our community, just to walk up and down our streets."



• A DOCTOR'S DAY IN INDIA

Some one wrote me, "Tell me your routine for one day." There is no such thing as routine for a doctor in India who is in general practice, as far as I have been able to learn in my 19 years. I try to take care of my dispensary work in the morning from 7 a. m. to 11:00 or 12:00 depending on the patients. Then early afternoon is used to rest a short while before doing the office and home work, and patients again in the evening. But seldom do I get to follow this program for a day.

My work is mostly among women, children and tuberculosis patients, though many men come for examination and diagnosis. Tuberculosis is very prevalent in Damoh and will become more so due to the war. We are trying to teach preventive methods, as well as care for the sick. It is a heart-breaking work for they are so ignorant and so poor.

ELIZABETH LUTZ, M. D.

Damoh, India.

• PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN MEXICO

The guidance of the evangelistic work on our Mexican Mission field is in the hands of the "Consejo Central de Evangelismo" (Central Council on Evangelism). The members are elected at the annual convention of churches, by written ballot, by the evangelistic workers and one delegated representative of each organized congregation of Disciples. Those elected are: 3 evangelistic workers; 1 layman from any part of the field; 1 laywoman; 1 missionary. The treasurer of the Mission, Mr. H. T. Holroyd, is an ex-officio member of the Council.

A definite portion of the funds sent by the United Christion Missionary Society to the mission treasurer is at the disposal of this Council. It decides on the location and remuneration of workers, the calling of new workers, etc. Under its supervision, institutes are held for workers or laymen, and its president visits the different parts of the field.

Mr. Marcelino Medina is president of the Council this year. He is very enthusiastic about the work in out-of-the-way places. He organized a church in one of them last year, and one in another such place the year before.

The Bible

We search the world for truth. We cull
The good, the true, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.



ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. J. G. Roper, 3134 Broadway, has been very ill but is much improved and would like to have company.

Mrs. Eva Mosier is still a patient at the Methodist Hospital.

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HARVEST HOME INGATHERING

The gifts for the Emily E. Flinn home are coming in, but slowly. Instead of setting one Sunday aside as Harvest Home Ingathering day, the council and church are observing the whole month of October as Harvest Home Ingathering month. If you wish to share any of the articles in your larder with the aged women in the Flinn Home, bring them to the church or church school in the next two Sundays.

Because of sugar rationing the committee has suggested that if anyone wishes to contribute money instead of canned goods, the money will be most acceptable.

Here are a few facts to remember when making your contribution to your **Other Family** at Marion.

\$0.30 will provide food for one day for an aged guest.

\$2.10 will provide food for one week for an aged guest.

\$35.00 will provide milk for one month for the entire family at the Flinn Home.

\$5.50 will provide medical care for the Family for one week.

CLEVELAND HOME

The Dorcas Society has sent \$50.00 to the Home for the milk fund, which makes a total of \$100.00 for this year.

\$25.00 was contributed by members of the Church and Sunday School classes to the shoe fund.

The Missionary Department of the Church has secured Dr. C. O. Hawley to be the speaker on Woman's Day, this year.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS

The Progressive Class will have a Masquerade Party, 7:30 P.M. Friday, October 29, at the Church.

All members of the Class and friends are invited.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Lucile McCarty, 4015½ Fairfield Ave.
Mrs. Emma Bushong, 734 Putnam St.
Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Hoover, 4329 Fairfield Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons, P. O. Box. No. 655.

Mr. John Timmons, 1307 Ewing Street.

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COUNCIL ELECTION

Officers for Woman's Council for the following year were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. J. H. Whitbey
1st Vice-President—Mrs. H. W. Sigrist
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Chas. Dare
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. W. Winfield
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. O. Schell
Treasurer—Mrs. Owen Vaught.
Nominating Committee for coming year:
Mrs. A. O. Schell
Mrs. James Erwin
Mrs. Henry Ehle
Mrs. Herschel Bailey
Mrs. Flora Virts.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
No one goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes Back into our own.

CHRISTMAS CARDS . . CHRISTMAS CARDS

see Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Siples, Mrs. Schlatter, Mrs. Vaught.

Mortgage	\$2,500.00
Coal Bill	200.00
Anticipated Expense	800.00

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

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Number 4

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. E. L. Day, Indianapolis, Ind., will be the guest speaker Sunday, October 31st. Dr. Day will have a message of inspiration for every one, and is entitled to a large audience. Every member of the church should hear him. Plan now to be present at the service Sunday morning.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Sunday, October 31st, is the last day to contribute to this worthy cause. Those of you who have not done your share as yet, please remember to do so next Sunday. We have done great things for this Home in the past, let us do our best this year.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.
MRS. DURFEE, Chairman.

COUNCIL GROUP MEETINGS

1. Ruth Circle, Mrs. Leo Miller, Hostess, 2210 Ardmore Ave., Wednesday, Nov. 3rd 2:15 p. m.
2. Rachel Circle, Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Hostess, 2605 S. Lafayette, Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 2:15 p. m.
3. Martha Circle, Mrs. O. Vaught, 4033 S. Fairfield, Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, ALL DAY.
4. Naomi Circle, Mrs. E. Schlatter, 926 Lake, Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 2:00 p. m.
5. Esther Circle, Mrs. J. S. Erwin, 901 Third St., Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 2:30 p. m.

THE WAY

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;

While he who walks in love may wander far,
But God will bring him where the Blessed are.
—Henry Van Dyke.

AN OPPORTUNITY

Seldom in the history of the church, has it had so great an opportunity as it today enjoys. Many folks who in the past have had little time for the worship of God, are today turning to him for comfort, wisdom, strength and courage. Many are praying now who never even thought about praying before. Many are ready and waiting for someone to give them that inspiration to attend church and to become a member of a church.

The opportunity that now presents itself to us as Christians is more than an opportunity, it is a challenge to each of us, a challenge that each of us must answer in one way or another. As Christians we can but accept that challenge, we dare not turn it aside.

We must encourage our friends and neighbors, to come into The House of the Lord, to worship and to receive the comfort and the blessing that can be given only by The Living God, and the strength and guidance that can come only from communion with God. We will be performing a service to our friend or neighbor that will bring joy and happiness to both, when we invite them to attend church with us.

But the challenge does not end by simply inviting some one to come to church. The services of the church must be of such character that the desire to come again is kindled in the heart of everyone. We have an obligation upon ourselves to do everything in our power to help make the church and church services so inspirational and worshipful, that every one present will be drawn closer to God, and will leave the service knowing that they have received something that they could not get elsewhere.

First Christian now has an opportunity unequalled in its history. We can look forward with a vision. The past is gone and the future may be but a vision, but the present we have the opportunity to make that vision a reality. The extension of the Kingdom of God here on earth is the obligation of every Christian. Our challenge today is to fulfill that obligation. The answer is **we shall**.

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Mrs. Ansel Gaskill, 2214 Crescent Avenue, suffered a fall recently and was seriously hurt.



***“Jesus, thou Son of David,
have mercy on me.”***

In America, the naked cry of human need strikes one as theatrical. People do not call out from the street-side for mercy. But in rural India, as in ancient Palestine, there is nothing artificial in a heart-rending cry for aid.

A thin, hungry-looking peasant came persistently to the missionary, begging for seed grain to sow his land. Said he, “These six acres have been in my family for over a hundred years. On them I grow enough to feed and clothe my entire family. If I lose this land, I shall become a landless laborer. I must sow it. I cannot let my land die. Yet after these three years of crop failures, no one else will loan seed grain for fear there will be another bad year and we shall not be able to repay. I and my sons and their wives attend worship every evening, rain or shine. I love the Lord Jesus Christ. For that reason, my own sisters can no longer eat at my house and I am not welcome at theirs. You must not take it ill if I plague you for aid to save our land. What other hope have we?”

This cry of the farmer, driven to the edge of ruin, resounds today in many villages in India as your missionaries visit in them. What would you have your missionaries do for these fellow Christians of yours?



● QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON MEXICAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

When was it established? November 23, 1913.

Is it a school? No, it is a Christian community center serving the people through kindergarten, clinics, library, girls' and boys' clubs, Scout troops, mothers' clubs and parents' forums.

How many are on the staff? Six full-time workers, seven part time, and three volunteers.

Do any local agencies cooperate with the Institute? The City Health Department furnishes a full-time nurse and two part-time doctors for the clinics.

How many people of Mexican descent in San Antonio? 100,000 according to the latest figures.

Do they speak English? The younger generation does, but many of the adults do not.

What do these people do for a living? Their occupations are varied: manual labor, factory workers, clerks, elevator operators, waiters, mechanics, politicians, lawyers and doctors are a few.

What was the total enrollment in all activities of the Institute last year? At the close of December, 1942, there were 2,482 in 26 different activities.

My Covenant

DEEP IN MY HEART I know that the Church is of God.

That in spite of human frailties, she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including my own. That she has made my community and my country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear my children. That I would not want to live or die in a land where no church spire points its people heavenward.

I ALSO KNOW that the Church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reject her by indifference or open hostility.

IN THIS KNOWLEDGE I gladly give myself to my Church and offer her my loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, generous giving, ardent prayer, and devoted service.



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Missions	17.15
Building Fund75
Loose	7.27
Tidings	2.00
	<hr/> \$91.42

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT?

In the last issue of "The Tidings" there appeared a brief note indicating the present indebtedness of the church, and the anticipated expense for the remainder of this year. In these days of greater income \$3,500.00 is not a large debt, and can be liquidated easily if we want to.

If this debt can be liquidated before Rev. Beck comes to Fort Wayne, it means that he can begin his work here unhandicapped by an old debt. To that end the Finance Committee are endeavoring to wipe out this debt in the month of November. The committee feels that everyone will want to have a part in wiping out this debt, and will give every one an opportunity to help. You are urged to think about this, and decide WHAT YOU WILL DO ABOUT IT.

TIDING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilts, 3121 Fairfield Ave.
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 Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pollard, R. R. No. 8
 Mrs. Margaret Owen, 1323 East Pontiac
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 Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson
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 Miss Elaine Jones, 615½ Lawton Place
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlien, 2918 Bowser
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blair, 2909 John Street
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 Mrs. Fred Higgins, 551 E. Pettit St.
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 Mrs. Flora Virts, 2526 South Harrison
 Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cole, 3115 So. Wayne
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 Miss Ollie Swinehart, 1154 West Main
 Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, 1833 Third St.
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold, 1332 West Washington.

In the course of our present complex society, it becomes necessary to have a close co-operation between all parties concerned. That this can be accomplished is evidenced by the fact that in the great struggle for freedom, now being waged in this world, nations which are fundamentally different in character and policy, have been able to unite under a joint leadership, and place joint responsibilities upon certain representatives of the several nations.

That such a plan can be carried out successfully is manifested in the success that is evolving from united effort. Such united effort is not only desirable but is essential to the success of any enterprise. It can be obtained between nations, then it can be obtained between individuals, and most certainly will be obtained in the church itself.

The recent pronouncement of seven principals on the subject of peace, which was made by reputable spokesmen for the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant peoples indicates that religious thinking people are ready to cast aside their personal prejudices and differences, when something of major importance is at stake. If this co-operation can be obtained in connection with major problems, certainly we can obtain it in minor ones. However, it is frequently the minor differences which cause the most heated arguments, arguments that could be avoided if we would only take the time to hear and consider the viewpoint of the other person.

The necessity of a wise and understanding leader to plan and administer is of major importance in any co-operative enterprise. The church is a co-operative institution and deserves the finest leadership it can obtain, but unless the leadership has the confidence and support of every member and auxiliary, it can not accomplish any great achievement, not even come near to fulfilling its intended purpose. Frequently there is an allegiance to the church school class, or a council group, or some auxiliary of the church, rather to the church itself. We must never forget that the church is the main institution, and the auxiliaries are parts of the church, and will always remain as such. They are important parts of the church, and have important functions to perform, but in performing these functions, it must never be forgotten, that anything done must be done for the furthering of the work of the church. To this end every auxiliary must co-operate with the complete program of the church, and when this is done, we can look back at our work, and be entitled to receive the blessing "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Here is the Truth in a little creed,
 Enough for all the roads we go;
 In Love is all the law we need,
 In Christ is all the God we know.

—Edwin Markham.

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EVERY SUNDAY

And the hour shall be filled with music,
With song and praise and prayer,
And the burdens of life lifted,
For all who worship there.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our speaker next Sunday will be supplied by The Gideons, who are holding their convention in Fort Wayne this week end.

TRIANGLE

The Triangle Girls will meet at the home of Miss Donna Blair, at 2909 John Street, on Tuesday evening, November 9, at 7:30 P. M. All members are urged to be present.

DORCAS SOCIETY

The Dorcas Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Ray Barnett, 725 Wagner Street, on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 P. M. All members and friends are urged to be present.

THANK YOU

The committee responsible for the Harvest Home Ingathering for the Emily Flynn home expresses its thanks for the splendid gifts of food and money. The response of the members and friends of First Christian in this worthwhile project, is to be commended. Thanks again.

In the Freedom of the Truth,
And in the Spirit of Jesus,
We unite for the worship of God
And the Service of Man.

DEBT FREE IN '43

WE ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT

Last Sunday morning in the worship service we received sixty one pledges totalling \$1,310.62, which is to be used to retire the mortgage, pay the coal bill and our anticipated expenses for the remainder of this year. There were five pledges of \$100.00 each, two of \$50.00 each, one of \$45.00, and thirteen pledges of \$25.00 each. Although the weather was bad and the congregation small, we have received pledges for more than one third of the amount necessary.

We have at this time an opportunity to completely wipe out all of our debts, an opportunity that we have not had for a long time. We are now within striking distance of something that we have desired for many years, and with the whole hearted co-operation of every one we can reach the goal which for so many years we have tried to attain.

We have now an indebtedness of \$2,500.00 on the mortgage. This is a debt of long standing. We have a coal bill of \$200.00, and anticipate that the expenses for the remainder of the year will be about \$800.00 over the amount regularly pledged for current expense. That it is possible to liquidate that debt this year is shown by the fact that there has already been pledged more than one third of the amount, and only a few of the families of the church have so far had a part in this worthwhile program.

We have just called a new minister, and it would be a shame to have the beginning of his work handicapped by having to immediately start a financial campaign, so one of the best ways we can show him our willingness to work with him is to wipe out our old debts before he comes to this church.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There is still time for you to order your Christmas Cards from the Woman's Council. If you have not already done so, and would like to order please see Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Siples, Mrs. Schlatter, Mrs. Vaught or Mrs. A. O. Schell. Order now while the selection is still complete.

DEBT FREE IN '43

● PREACHING IN SPANISH TO JAPANESE

Senor Sarli, pastor of the Cramer Street Christian Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has had the remarkable opportunity this year of preaching once a month in Spanish to a group of Christians of Japanese parentage in that city. The request came through Konomi Miyamoto, who was baptized in the Cramer Street Church some years ago. Between forty and forty-five Argentine young people, children of Japanese Christians, attend the service and their response is very gratifying. The parents who also attend follow the reading of the Scripture in their Japanese Bibles but join in singing the hymns in Spanish. Sr. Sarli is anxious that someone be found to carry on in this work when he leaves to open a new mission field in northern Argentina for Disciples of Christ.



● HEALING OF BODY AND SOUL

Congo sufferers continue to pour into our mission hospitals and to come to our dispensaries, until over 200,000 treatments were given last year — in His name and for His sake. The doctors make quarterly visits for clinical work at coffee plantations where thousands of workmen need oversight, and some doctors do census work for the government.

With Congo's appalling sterility records, maternal care, obstetrical work and baby clinics are efforts of the mission which are greatly appreciated. Some little orphaned waifs are nurtured into chubbiness who otherwise would have been fit only to be buried beside their deceased mothers.

The hospitals are real institutions in lifting health levels for Congo, and the hospitalization period still offers some people their first real acquaintance with folk who are interested in souls as well as as bodies.



● WHAT OF CHINA'S CHILDREN?

In the northwest border region of China, more than one thousand small children are being cared for in 60 Day Nurseries. Their fathers are mostly guerilla soldiers and their mothers work in war industries.

These babies are born into a life of constant danger, in an isolated mountain region hemmed in on three sides by the Japanese army, and they are growing up to the constant sight and sound of warfare.

It is better to put a lamp in a dark place than to light up a seven-storied pagoda. — Chinese proverb.

The Christian Home

THE HOME is the foundation of democracy.

¶ That foundation may be strong or weak, depending upon how Christian are its attitudes and practices. ¶ The practices and attitudes of the home determine to a large extent the life of both parents and children.



OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Regular	\$ 84.70
Missions	6.50
Building Fund	10.55
Loose	9.61
Tidings	4.35
We Are Doing Tsis Today	176.52
Nursery	2.00
Total	\$294.23

TIDINGS RENEWALS

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Weddle
 Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Miller
 Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Manning.

LET US PRAY

It is a great privilege in an hour of need to be able to pray. It is a greater privilege to be able to pray at any time we desire. Many of us overlook the greater privilege, and pray only in times of distress, but those of us who do that are missing the finest experiences of life. Regular periods of prayer lays the firmest foundation upon which character can be built. Therefore let us pray regularly, faithfully, and devotedly, and realize the finest experiences of true Christians.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

One of the most valuable assets of our church is it's church school. Consisting of several departments, each of which has a competent staff of teachers and officers, our church school stands ready to perform its duty in the realm of religious education.

Attendance in the church school has been increasing each Sunday, but not as rapid as it should. It has not been so long ago, that we had an attendance of over four hundred each Sunday, and there is no reason why the attendance today should be less than 400. However it will require the best efforts of every one to achieve or excell that past attendance records.

It is suggested that each class begin now to increase it's attendance, to the end that we may again have a church school of 400 or more by Christmas. **We can if we will.**

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

That juvenile delinquency in Fort Wayne is a serious problem is now an established fact. The local newspapers have been presenting this fact to the public for some time, and it has also been recognized by military authorities. This is a condition that can not be tolerated, and for which remedial measures must be taken at once.

The church has an important responsibility in preventing juvenile delinquency, and First Church must share in the responsibility. The law enforcement officers and the courts can and no doubt will use every weapon at their command to correct the condition, but the responsibility of the church should be to reduce and prevent delinquency.

It is seldom that a young person who has attended church and church school regularly, gets into trouble, and this in itself speaks well for the influence of the church. Today many people are forced to leave their children alone from the time that school is out until late at night. This is one of the horrors of war, and is just as serious and dangerous as fighting in the front lines. The church now has another opportunity to be a great help to society by extending it's influence over a greater number of young people, either through it's educational program, or by sponsoring wholesome recreation for the young people of the community. This is one of the great challenges of the day. Will we be able to meet it.

TIDINGS ITEMS

Until further notice, all news items and announcements for publication in The Tidings should be sent to Mr. A. O. Schell. They can be telephoned to him at H-2773, or mailed to him at P. O. Box 1014, Fort Wayne, Indiana. All items for publication must be received before noon on Tuesday preceeding issue in which they are to be published. In order to eliminate errors, it is suggested that items be mailed.

Mortgage	\$2,500.00
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Anticipated Expense.....	800.00
Total	\$3,500.00
Already Pledged	1,310.62
Balance	\$2,189.38

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GUEST SPEAKER

P. B. Cope, Field Representative for the National Benevolent Association of Nebraska will be the speaker next Sunday morning, November 14th. Mr. Cope is especially interested in the Child Savings Institute of Omaha.

GENERAL COUNCIL

Woman's Council will meet Tuesday, November 16th. The Executive at 1:00 P. M. and the General Council at 2:15 P. M. Will all members of the Executive please make a special effort to be present.

Mr. Walter H. Nagel, Chief Probation Officer, will be the guest speaker at the Woman's Council Meeting, November 16th, 2:15 P. M. His topic: "Delinquency". This is a subject of vital importance to all citizens of Fort Wayne.

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FRIENDSHIP

FRIENDSHIP, peculiar boon of Heav'n
The noble mind's delight and pride;
To man and Angels only given,
To all the lower world denied

A beautiful thought is expressed in this ODE TO FRIENDSHIP by the poet Samuel Johnson, and we are thrilled by beautiful word phrases as regards any of the superior human traits or emotions, and the simple word FRIENDSHIP serves well as a happy example.

We love to speak the word, maybe feeling that we instinctively understand its full meaning, but in fact it is very probable that we seldom give it full value consideration in our every day lives.

It is not to be confused with love, such as parental love or family ties, because while human love always of necessity embraces friendship, there can be friendship without love, as the term is meant here. In its broadest sense it may be defined as a human trait or faculty based largely on kindness of heart and an inner sense of wanting to be friendly with all mankind.

To a very great extent, FRIENDSHIP of the close personal kind is of necessity a matter of growth or time development, and, differing from paternal love, of which maternal love is the grand example, can be weakened, in fact wither and die as a result of misunderstandings or neglect. This is because it is an acquired and cultivated human relation, and for this reason should be jealously guarded as a most important man-made possession.

Seneca, the Roman Philosopher, wrote: "Place not too great a strain on re-newed friendship." What could better illustrate the need of regarding a friendship as a sacred thing, and doing everything in one's power to prevent breach or loss of it.

History is replete with fine and inspiring examples of friendship, an outstanding one being that of Damon and Pythias, and many thousands more of record, and it is comforting to the ever-to-be-unrecorded individual to know that friendship is always within his own grasp as a matter of his own making.

This little essay may well be concluded by quoting from NO TIME LIKE THE OLD TIME by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Fame is the scentless flower,
With gaudy crown of gold;
But friendship is the breathing rose,
With sweets in every fold.

Thanks Be To God

Yes, Thanksgiving, a day of giving thanks to God; and why not? Why shouldn't we observe Thanksgiving this year above all years? I know some are asking, "What is there to give thanks for this year? In this year of terrible, global war when more lives are being lost and more property is being destroyed than in any other year of the world's history? What is there to be thankful for this year? Would it not be an act of hypocrisy even to offer to give thanks, to say nothing about going through the pretense of keeping a national holiday of Thanksgiving?"

I know these questions rise up and I know the terrible conditions that have given them rise, but I also know that these very conditions but make clearer and more certain the things we should really be thankful for. These awful times make it clear that we must try God's way. All other ways are failing now, miserably failing. Everything is being shaken. Man's way is due for a fall; half-way ways, half man's and half God's, are also due for a fall. They are being shaken down. The kingdoms of earth are falling. Such times as these reveal to us how stable is our Kingdom. "Let us thank God that we have a Kingdom that cannot be shaken." And let us show our gratitude by doing more than saying, "Thy Kingdom come" in a formal prayer. Let us work as hard for its coming as we are working now for the preservation of democracy. Finally, democracy will depend on just that for its preservation.

So let us thank God for God and for his rule to which we must come. We are coming to it. We are taking a great step in that direction now in that we are learning, even though it be by the hard way, that we cannot live by any other rule. We cannot live contrary to his rule and live. We are learning that lesson now in this awful catastrophe by bitter experience. Let us pray God that we learn this lesson sufficiently to practice it before humanity breaks itself to pieces living contrary to it. Yes, we have a great thing to be thankful for in 1943. We are learning the greatest lesson of our lives: that we just must follow God if we would live.

The best expression of gratitude is not always by word of mouth, it usually is by sacrifice, the gift of one's self or one's possessions. Especially must that be so in this year when there is such lavish sacrifice made necessary because we have not followed the rule of God. May we express our thanks to Almighty God that his way still stands and that the peoples of earth are coming to it, by dedicating our lives and our possessions to him.

Thanksgiving? Yes, and in 1943!



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Building Fund	10.30
Tidings	1.00
"I Am Doing This Today"	420.00
Loose	3.69
Church School	8.66
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	\$501.05

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Mrs. O. S. Miller
Mrs. Henry Ehle

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Halleck, 1814½ St. Joe
Blvd.

ILLNESS

Mr. Wm. Coblentz, 1129 Kinnaird is ill.
C. A. Lehneke, 1120 Maple Ave. fell and
broke his arm. Mrs. Lehneke is also quite
infirm.

Mrs. J. G. Roper, 3134 S. Broadway suffered
a heart attack last Saturday and is quite ill.

THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT US:

Mrs. Willis Rousseau after suffering many
months, left us last Monday morning.

Mr. Jack Varner lost his brother, who died
in Terre Haute last Monday.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to these
folks in their hour of bereavement.

HARVEST INGATHERING

You will all be interested to know that
\$77.00 was given to the Emily Flynn Home.
Also, there was two large baskets of food,
approximating \$25.00 and one comforter.
These were delivered to the Home, Saturday,
November 7th by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee.
They took with them Mr. and Mrs. A. O.
Schell and the girls, Carolyn and Margaret
Rose and Mrs. Vaught. The Missionary Com-
mittee of the Church wish to thank you all for
your very generous offerings.

NURSERY

The new nursery will be open on Sunday
during the church service. This should be a
popular addition to our church facilities, and
one that will be welcomed by the parents of
small children.

OPENING EXERCISES

Opening exercises for the Sunday School
will be in charge of the High School Class
next Sunday. Mrs. C. E. Dare is teacher of
the class.

WORKERS COUNCIL

The Workers Council of the Sunday School
met on last Monday evening. They would like
to see a forty percent increase in attendance
at each class session. Let's help them do it.

The Workers Council are considering the
establishment of a Sunday School Library.
This is a move in the right direction, and de-
serves the hearty support of every one.

HALF WAY

We have now passed the half way mark in
pledging toward closing 1943 entirely out of
debt. The interest shown and the pledges
received indicate that when we are determin-
ed to accomplish something, we get it done.
Let us go the whole way and be DEBT FREE
IN '43.

Mortgage	\$2,500.00
Coal Bill	230.00
Anticipated Expense.....	830.00
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Total	\$3,560.00
Already Pledged	1,760.62
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Balance	\$1,739.38

**WE ARE DOING SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.**

T I D I N G S

First Christian Church

Volume 6

Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 18, 1943

Number 7

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

And the hour shall be filled with music,
With song and praise and prayer,
And the burdens of life lifted,
For all who worship there.

OUR MINISTER

The following paragraph appeared in "The New Castle Courier Times" on November 3, 1943.

"The Rev. Robert T. Beck said today that he had handed his resignation to the First Christian Church of New Castle to become effective December 15th, and that he has accepted a call of the First Christian Church of Fort Wayne to become its pastor."

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Charles T. Paul, returned missionary to China, will be the guest speaker next Sunday morning, November 21st. It will be a pleasure to hear Mrs. Paul again.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Amanda Parks, 622 E. Wayne St. has been in the hospital but is now at home. She is still quite ill.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lehneke celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Monday, November 15th. We offer congratulations and extend our best good wishes to these good folk.

WOMAN'S DAY

Please keep in mind Woman's Day, December 5th. Dr. C. O. Hawley will be the guest speaker. Dr. Hawley is a fine speaker and having heard him once you will want to hear him again. Plan to be present on Sunday, December 5th.

MY CHURCH

"Before I was born My Church gave my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

My Church enriched my childhood with Romance and Religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul.

In the stress and storm of adolescence My Church heard the urge of my soul and She guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakening of love, My Church taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, My Church drew me to the Friend of all the weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, My Church has believed in me and woefully She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and My Church is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

My Church calls me to Her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty She has a right to ask. I will help Her to do for others what She has done for me. In this place in which I live I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith."

—Quoted from "Our Church"

SERVICE MEN

In order that our honor roll may be kept up to date, it is requested the families of men in the service, notify the Church Office of the name of the party who is in the armed forces.

KENDALLVILLE CHURCH

The Church of Christ, Kendallville are celebrating their 90th Anniversary, Sunday November 21st. We, as members of First Christian have been invited to attend these services. We wish to thank the Kendallville Church for their courtesy and extend congratulations on this happy occasion.

● CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

Let the church search her own soul in penitence and confession.

Let the church make sure that her message rings with the reality of the living Christ.

Let the church lead the world in thinking in the terms of humanity — a world-wide humanity for which Christ died.

Let the church throw the full weight of her spiritual power and influence into the midst of the present conflict, so that ultimately a just and durable peace built on Christian principles may prevail.

Let the church love again in the spirit of the Cross.

Above all else, let the church have faith in its unfailing resources in Christ, and confidence in its glorious commission to save the world.

W. Bruce Wilson.

● EMPLOYMENT IN CHINA

The Chinese head of a leading business concern in that country, with the usual difficulties of finding and retaining the right personnel, has this to say: "I choose first of all Christian graduates of Christian universities. My next choice is non-Christian graduates of Christian universities, and I prefer them to Christian graduates of non-Christian schools. It doesn't make so much difference whether the man is a church member as that he has learned standards of honesty. Character is best developed in your Christian universities."

Or as Paul might say, "Though China possesses railroads and factories and a high standard of living, what will it profit her if she have not men and women of character."

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. George Earle Owen have arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to take up their new work as our missionaries. He was formerly director of religious education in the Chesapeake area.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hobgood are on their way home to secure much needed medical attention. They have been our missionaries in Belgian Congo for 27 years.

Miss Margaret Lawrence and Mrs. Edna Gish, en route to West China, spent a few days in South Africa before continuing on to India, and had a good visit with the Hobgoods there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Liggett, who were appointed as missionaries to Argentina, were refused permission to go to that field because of a new ruling regarding young men of draft age going into Latin American countries. They have taken the ad interim pastorate of the First Christian Church, Danville, Kentucky, until such time as they can proceed to Argentina.

Miss Florine Cantrell of Mexico was glad to forego a visit to her parents in the United States this summer when she received word that the Mexican government was sending an engineer to study the possibilities for an irrigation project for her area, a rural district in the Province of Zacatecas.

Burdens Can Be Wings

THERE IS AN old legend that birds, when first God created them, had no wings. They could only hop around on the ground. But as God watched them He wanted them to know the freedom which would come with flying free in the air, to go where they desired, and to spread joy with their songs.

So He made a pair of wings for each bird, and He took them and laid them at their feet, explaining that each must wear his own. As the birds looked at what seemed to be intolerable burdens, they complained bitterly that they were unable to bear the heavy loads, for the wings were even larger than the birds themselves. They were very unhappy as they fastened the wings to their shoulders and their songs ceased while they went their melancholy ways.

But soon the birds found the wings growing tight to their bodies, close to each little heart. Then they found them no longer burdens, but wings to bear them up so that they soared high in the air. And their songs came back as they praised God who had given them burdens so they could fly.



"LOVE SUFFERTH LONG AND IS COURTEOUS"

Tyndall—Cranmer—Geneva

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, love never faileth."—Authorized.

"Love is patient and kind. Love knows neither envy nor jealousy. Love is not forward, and self-assertive, nor boastful and conceited. She does not behave unbecomingly, nor seek to aggrandize herself, nor blaze out in passionate anger, nor brood over wrongs. She finds no pleasure in injustice done to others, but joyfully sides with the truth. She knows how to be silent. She is full of trust, full of hope, full of patient endurance.—Weymouth.

"Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears.—Moffatt.

MY CHURCH

Deep in my heart I know that the Church is of God. That in spite of human frailties she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including my own. That she has made my community and my country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear my children. That I would not want to live or die in a land where no church spires point its people heavenward.

I also know that the Church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reject her by indifference or open hostility.

In this knowledge I gladly give myself to my Church and offer her my loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, generous giving, ardent prayer, and devoted service.

**The Church Welcomes You!
COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY.**

AN INVESTMENT

Edgar A. Guest gives this testimony as to what the church has meant to him in personal returns:

"It has strengthened and sustained me in times of sorrow.

"It has opened the door to many fellowships.

"It has made my speech less bitter.

"It has widened my field of labor.

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Heating	10.00
Tidings	3.00
Building Fund60
"I am doing this today"	280.55

\$384.53

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Adams, 611 W. Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitton, 608 E. Creighton.

A LETTER

The following letter was received last week from a former member of the Church.

"I'm quite sure our subscription to the Tidings has expired. We enjoy it very much and don't want to miss a single issue. Am sending a check for one dollar for our renewal. The extra fifty cents can be used to send the paper to some one in the Armed Forces or put in the collection plate.

"In the Cast issue we read about your "Debt Free in '43" campaign. You made a fine start. This is a good time for such a program and many churches are wiping out their old debts. We want to help do something about it and have a small share with you. Enclosed find check.

"May God richly bless First Christian."
It is such things as this that make our task lighter, and our outlook brighter.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are still some cards available. The selling of Christmas Cards is a Council project. If you haven't purchased yours, please do so without further delay. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Christmas Card Committee.

— DEBT FREE IN '43 —

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

First Christian Church

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Fort Wayne, Indiana, November 25, 1943

Number 8

MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him,, and rejoice.
O, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name Always,
For it is seemly so to do.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. L. A. Warren will be the guest speaker next Sunday morning, November 28th. Please arrange to attend.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

Esther Group, December 1st, Hostess: Mrs. H. M. Lehman, 1004 Burgess.

Martha, Wednesday, December 1st, Hostess: Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 E. Masterson.

Naomin, Wednesday, December 1st, Hostess: Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia.

BUILDING KEYS

All persons holding keys to the Church building or old parsonage will you please call Mr. Hiler, H-40422. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CLEVELAND HOME

The Dorcas Society is again sponsoring the collection of Christmas Gifts for the children at the Cleveland Home. Because of the present conditions it is suggested that gifts be in money. If you care to have a part in this project, call Mrs. John Davis, H-65115.

ILLNESS

Mrs. James Dunn, 348 Packard Ave., suffered a stroke last week. She is in Lutheran Hospital. Her condition is considered serious.

LISTEN IF YOU WOULD HEAR HIM SPEAK

"How rare it is to find a soul quiet enough to hear God speak."—Fenelon.

How seldom is there a silence around us! We cry for peace and there is no peace. Even our cares seem to be catalogued and are so familiar that they come from our lips like some childish "piece" to be said whenever friends gather. We talk, talk about ourselves, and occasionally about religion, but how seldom are we quiet enough to hear God speak!

The practice of silence is sound wisdom for folk bent upon the personal experience of God. Silence is a necessary discipline for those who would enter into the great world of communion and know the peace of Christ. Meditation is not the dream but the reality of life. A moment of meditation is scarcely enough for such a spiritual privilege as communion with the Most High God. The impoverishment of our souls in spiritual vision and vitality will pass away when with closed door and in silence we acquaint ourselves with God.

Read: Psalm 46.

Prayer: Dear Father, reveal to us our carelessness in the use of our time. Show us that much of our noisy activity is useless and harmful. Unfold before our vision the beauty of Thy holiness and our privilege of peace. Grant that nothing may come into this day to keep us, as individuals or as families, from a definite time of intimate communion with Thee. We would be still and know that Thou art God. We pray in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
An bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

—Newmark.

BE GRATEFUL

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along our way;
Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day;
Be grateful for the health your own, the work you find to do.
For round about you there are men less fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest.

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● A TRIBUTE TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Having always been an ardent partisan of freedom, as soon as the revolution broke out in Germany I turned to the universities, to find there defenders of freedom. I did not find them. The universities took refuge in silence.

I then turned to the editors of powerful newspapers who but lately, in glowing articles, had claimed to be faithful champions of liberty. These men, as well as the universities, were reduced to silence in a few weeks.

I then addressed myself to the authors, individuals, to those who passed themselves off as the intellectual guides of Germany, and among whom many had frequently discussed the question of freedom, and its place in modern life. They, in their turn, were dumb.

Only the Christian Church opposed the fight which Hitler was waging against liberty. Till then I had had no interest in the church; but now I feel a great admiration. I am truly attracted to the church which has had the persistent courage to fight for spiritual truth and moral free-

dom. I feel obliged to recognize that I now admire what I used to consider of little value.

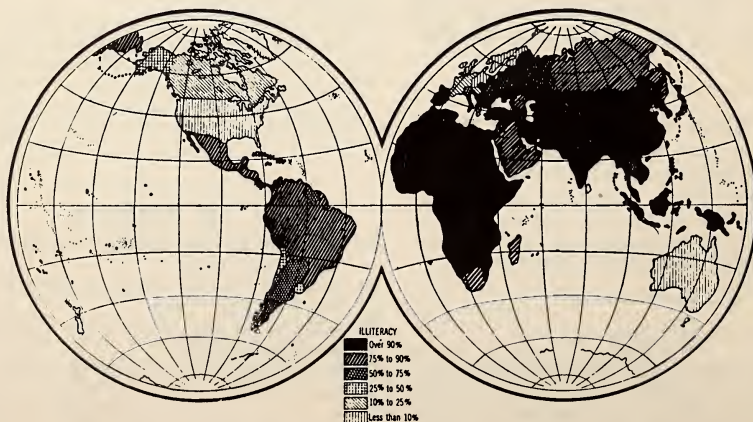
—Albert Einstein in The Baptist Times, London

● THE LORD DOES PROVIDE

A letter from Mr. Kenneth Potee, new secretary - treasurer of our India Mission, succeeding Mr. W. B. Alexander who is retiring, indicates that he is having a difficult time building his first budget in the midst of rapidly rising prices. He says, "Any budget of the past will not touch our problem now. Food is twice what it was last year in almost every item. In my own mind I am building the boarding school budgets with so much from the UCMS and the rest from the LWP Fund (Lord Will Provide)."

Since a letter had already been written him telling of the increase in the allowance for India from the United Society because of the increased offerings from churches and organizations, it was suggested he change the LWP Fund to the SSI Fund (Society Sent It).

Darkness Rules Where People Cannot Read



An Earnest Christian

Dr. Wu Yi-fang, one of the most distinguished women of China, president of Ginling College for Women since 1928, is in the United States for a short time, a member of a group of distinguished scholars and educators on a semi-diplomatic mission. Among other honors which have been bestowed upon her in the last few weeks was the LL.D. degree from Smith College.



Dr. Wu has been closely identified with Christian education in China since she was graduated from Ginling College as a member of the first class in 1919. In 1922 she came to the United States for study, receiving her Master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1924 and her Ph.D. in 1928. That year she returned to Ginling College, then located in Nanking, as its president.

During the years of her presidency Ginling has known its greatest period of growth—the curriculum has been expanded, the faculty increased, new buildings constructed, and at the time of the Japanese invasion in 1937 Ginling had become the largest college for women in all China.

A few days before the Japanese army entered Nanking that fall, Dr. Wu left her college to organize the trek of Ginling students and faculty from Nanking into the West, in front of the army. Leaving the city by river steamer, bus, donkey, and on foot, they covered 2,500 miles and arrived in the Province of Szechwan in the early fall of 1938, where they found refuge on the campus of West China Union University at Chengtu, almost on the border of Tibet. Here they have carried on during the years since, enduring repeated bombings, crowded classrooms, lack of equipment, and hunger without hesitation for the sake of the contribution they are making to Christianity and to the nation in this difficult time.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Trustees:

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Bert Leversee,

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Two to add.

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Leo Miller

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Missions	4.60
Thanksgiving	4.65
Tidings50
I Am Doing This Today	344.00
Loose	5.82
Building Fund	1.35

\$417.42

OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Rev. Mr. Beck, our new Minister, would like to have the latest addresses of all our men and girls in the Armed Forces. Will you please make a special effort to get this information into the Church Office either by phone or by mail, or write it on a card and place it in the Offering Plate next Sunday morning.

Thank you for cooperating.

THE GARDNER'S FACE

Rose B. Tharpe

I pass thru this world but once
Yet, if I can find the gate
That leads to the Garden where
Lovely things grow
And stay just long enough
To watch a tall white lily bloom
And (this I know) catch one
Glimpse of the Gardner's face,
I shall say "I've got a chance
To win the race."
And if He smiles on me,
I'm sure I shall be bold enough
To build my temple there,
The stones may be sharp
And cut my hands; but
If He keeps on walking
With me, I shall build and
Build until a temple stands,
And if I shirk one inch
When I see my bleeding hands,
And He keeps on talking to me
Then, I shall know that
Only God understands.

Mrs. Tharpe is one of our guests at the
Emily E. Flynn Home.

DEBT FREE IN '43

Debt free in '43 is not an idle phrase. We are within striking distance of achieving this goal, and we will achieve it if every one does his or her part. The total of \$3500.00 necessary has now been nearly all subscribed. If you have not as yet made your pledge to this fund for the purpose of retiring the mortgage and paying all current expenses and other bills in full, won't you please do so at once. The next issue of the TIDINGS will carry a complete list of all who have subscribed to this fund up to Sunday. This will truly be a "ROLL OF HONOR", for aside from it being a privilege to contribute to this fund, it is a distinct honor to know that you have done your part in this undertaking. Just a few more pledges, yes a pledge from every member and we will be DEBT FREE IN '43.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. C. O. Hawley will be guest speaker on Woman's Day, December 5th.

Dr. Hawley is director of Unified Promotion of Disciples of Christ.

This is the cooperative promotional agency of the National and State Boards of this Brotherhood with headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Hawley's task is to help raise from promotional sources funds to support the work of the local churches and all world wide causes of Disciples of Christ cooperating through Unified Promotion. For ten years Dr. Hawley was with the United Christian Missionary Society, and at the time he was called as Director of Unified Promotion, was executive secretary of the department of financial resources of that organization.

Dr. Hawley is an outstanding leader among Disciples of Christ and of all Protestantism. He belongs to the Executive Committee of the United Stewardship Council and to the Annual Conference of Promotional secretaries of Protestantism. He is also a member of the Home Base Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference.

He is the original promoter of the Annual One Day Conventions, the total attendance of which is more than 60,000. This is the greatest convention enterprise of Disciples of Christ.

He was a successful pastor and leader in County and State work of his Communion before he was called to the United Society. He received his college training at Drake University, The Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

MARK THIS DATE

On Sunday, December 19th Rev. Beck will begin his work in Fort Wayne. Mark this date on your calendar now, and arrange to be present on that day.

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● EMERGENCY MILLION AT WORK IN PUERTO RICO

Four young men, instead of two, from our churches in Puerto Rico are studying for the ministry in Union Theological Seminary at Rio Piedras this year, because of Emergency Million. They are a part of a student body of twenty-two on the campus of the University of Puerto Rico.

Disciples of Christ furnish one of the five faculty members for the Seminary. This year it is our new missionary, Dr. Hugh J. Williams, who writes enthusiastically of the beginning of his work there, and tells of their plans for the celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary.



*Christian Church, Rio Arriba, Puerto Rico
—Photo by C. Manly Morton.*

● HAZEL GREEN REPORTS

Mr. Henry A. Stovall, principal of Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, reports an enrollment of more than seventy this year in spite of many losses to the armed forces.

A new walk-in refrigerator has been given to the school by a friend and by the efforts of their own men who worked three weeks to install it. It has a capacity of 384 cubic feet.

Miss Marcia Barton, for nine years a much loved teacher, is taking a leave of absence this year.

The women's missionary organizations of Missouri have given funds for the purchase of three head of registered Jerseys for Hazel Green.

The school is fortunate in possessing a moving picture projector which makes it possible for them to show a regular feature each two weeks for many who otherwise would seldom see a show. They also have an educational film each week at the chapel hour.

Most of the students have received thorough physical examinations in the Hazel Green Hospital, under the supervision of Dr. Blood. The hospital is located in the Helen E. Moses Building, the boys' dormitory.

● CHINA MISSIONARIES REPATRIATED

It is with a great deal of anticipation Disciples of Christ look forward to the arrival of the SS GRIPSHOLM early in December for among others being repatriated at this time are Miss Lois Anna Ely and Mr. Edwin Marx of our China Mission. Both were in Shanghai at the time of declaration of war with Japan and have been in internment camps since early this year.

As long as there was opportunity to serve in any way, they were glad to remain in China, as many of our other workers did, but the Japanese are insisting on the return of most nationals.

This leaves only one missionary in China—Mr. O. J. Goulter, who is a citizen of Australia and who may be returned to that country. In the Philippines are two missionary couples, with no direct word having come from them since December 7, 1941.

Unless Thou lead me, Lord,
The road I journey on is all too hard.
Through trust in Thee alone
Can I go on.

—Toyohiko Kagawa.

The Harvest Truly Is Great

The Year Book of Disciples of Christ Reports on World Missions for 1942

Fields of Work: Africa, China, India, Jamaica, Japan,
Mexico, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Para-
guay, and Tibet



Number of missionaries.....	181
Number of national workers.....	2,053
Population of the fields.....	14,000,000
Stations with resident missionaries.....	31
Outstations	918
Organized churches and places of regular meeting	1,409
Added by baptism during the year.....	5,102
Total membership on the fields.....	74,239
Schools maintained, all grades.....	338
Students enrolled	14,386
Hospitals supported	11
Dispensaries	16
Treatments given	516,277

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

All of the young people of the Christian Churches of this district are invited to attend the Young People's Conference which will be held at West Creighton Church on Sunday, December 5.

Registration at 1 P. M.

Fellowship supper at 6 P. M. Bring your own sandwiches and cookies or fruit.

Adjourn at 8 P. M.

All young people are urged to attend the conference.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Roper.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The Old and New Board will meet Sunday, December 5th, following the Morning Worship Service to elect a chairman, a chairman of Elders, a chairman of Trustees, a chairman of Deacons, and a chairman of Deaconesses. May we have a full representation.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Rachel Circle Will have a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3010 S. Lafayette St. at 1:00 p. m. Tuesday, December 7th. Members please bring your Holiday envelopes.

Martha Circle: will meet with Mrs. Charles Dare, 115 Masterson Ave. Wednesday, December 8th, 2:15 p. m.

Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Koegel, 1222 W. Jefferson Street, Tuesday afternoon at 2:15, December 7th. Gift Exchange.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

Friendly Bible Class will meet Friday, December 3rd, 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lillian Scott, 1617 Edgewater Ave. Christmas Exchange.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

Mrs. Virginia Teeters-Warner lost her husband, Donald Warner on October 30th. Mr. and Mrs. Warner made their home in Huntertown. Mr. Warner passed away in Salt Lake City, Utah. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Warner.

RELIGION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By Joseph Fort Newton

"Caesar ruled from without; Jesus reigns within. The glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome have vanished, but the power of Christ grows and abides, and will have no end. Caesar died and Rome decayed. The state can restrain, it cannot regenerate. Something deeper is needed, something that softens and purifies the heart of man, and builds a temple in the secret place of the soul. Caesar needs Christ to fulfill his dream of an ordered world; and Christ needs Caesar too—his large world mind, his high heroic quality, his fine practical sagacity—if the kingdom of heaven is to be set up on earth."

MY NEED

Sometimes I need to stand alone,
Beneath the deep, blue sky of night,
To breathe the quietness of God,
And feel the strength of all his might!
And then again, I need to pray
Near others, in close fellowship
Within some sanctuary walls,
To know the strength of comradeship!

"You are never in the minority as long as you are in the right."—W. B. Slack.

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MORNING WORSHIP

10:30

EVERY SUNDAY

And the hour shall be filled with music,

With song and praise and prayer,

And the burdens of life lifted,

For all who worship there.

GUEST SPEAKER

REV. KENNETH TIMMONS will be the speaker at the Sunday Morning Service. Rev. Timmons is one of our own young men and a member of First Christian for many years. He is a fine speaker and deserves a good audience.

MARK THIS DATE

On Sunday, December 19th Rev. Beck will begin his work in Fort Wayne. Mark this date

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular monthly Board meeting will be Sunday, December 12th following the morning worship service.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Bible Class will have their Christmas Party, Saturday evening, December 18th at 6:15, in the Church Parlor. Bring basket dinner. Coffee and Rolls will be furnished. Bring ten cent gift for exchange. Bring gift for your own children.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mrs. George Frost in the loss of her brother, Mr. Joel Kirk, who died at his home in Ionia, Ohio.

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of brown gloves. Owner please call the Church office mornings.

The following budget will be presented to the church for approval on Sunday, December 12, 1943.

Salaries \$ 6,700.00

Includes all salaries paid to minister, custodian, organist, office secretary, and choir.

Utilities 635.00

Includes all expense for water, gas, electric lights and power, telephone and fuel.

General Expense

Office supplies, etc.....250.00

Tidings275.00

Offering Envelops 30.00

Parsonage Rent900.00

Reserve Account500.00

Building Maintenance300.00

Organ Maintenance 50.00

Music Supplies 50.00

Pension Fund360.00

Convention Expense100.00

Insurance 50.00

Special Service100.00

Bank Service Charge 35.00

Total 3,000.00

Grand Total\$10,335.00

The above budget is prepared by the Finance Committee from presently available information, based on current year's expenses.

ILLNESS

W. B. Shively, R. R. 6

Wm. Coblentz, 1129 Kinnaird

Mrs. James Dunn, Lutheran Hospital

Mrs. Amanda Parks, 622 E. Wayne

Rev. E. Allen, St. Joseph Hospital

Mr. George Frost, 316 W. Masterson

Mrs. A. Gaskill, 2214 Crescent

Rev. Mr. Jones, 615½ Lawton Place.

INFLUENZA

We know that many of our folks are ill in various stages of the 'flu'. We hope all of you quickly recover your usual normal health. We will be expecting to see you soon.

● INDIA IS HUNGRY

We have seen our Christian communities through the hardest year of their lives: famine, then rains and crops, but the high cost of materials of all kinds has thrown a burden on the poorer Christians of which we have never seen the like.

Cloth that last year was one rupee per yard is now from five to seven rupees. Shoes that last year sold for five rupees now sell for twenty-five.

The food problem is getting more and more acute. Many of the village children have stopped school due to the lack of food and clothing. Men and women come from far and near to our boarding schools, saying, "We have no food. You take the children into your boarding school; there the children are fed and clothed."

But our facilities are limited and our budgets are pitifully small. Their faith in us and their confidence in our care for their children are both heart-warming and heart-breaking, for there are so many that must be turned away and that is not easy to do. We can do only as much as our equipment and our budgets allow.

—H. M. Reynolds.



● A UNIVERSITY FOR LIVING

The University of Nanking, in which Disciples of Christ have cooperated since its organization—in fact, bringing a successful school to its organization—has long been noted for its contributions to the solution of the living problems of the Chinese people. Sometimes it has more than 150 projects in operation simultaneously.

Many short courses for the training of personnel with special skill have been instituted, such as special schools in agriculture, electrical engineering, automobile mechanics, Chinese literature, library science, cooperatives, horticulture, radio operation, motion picture operation, etc. It is reported that, almost without exception, every graduate from these courses has his choice of at least three jobs.

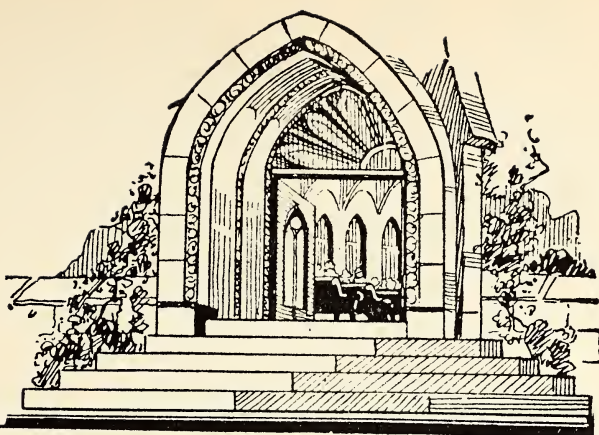
● SECOND GENERATION MISSIONARIES

Miss Ruth May Harnar, daughter of our India missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harnar, was ordained on September 12 in Central Christian Church, Warren, Ohio. She has been appointed as missionary to India, her birthplace.

Dr. Ronald Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rice, missionaries to India, was ordained on October 16 in First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. He also is under appointment to India.

● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVANCE

One of our churches in Pennsylvania registered a real advance in their religious education program when they closed a campaign, started on July 4. Their aim was to enroll one new member in the Sunday school for each of the 59 members of the church in the armed forces. The total number added in the three months was 62.



GOD, MAKE THE door of this house we have raised
to Thee wide enough to receive all who need
human love, fellowship, and the Father's care,
— and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride
and hate.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be in-
viting to children or straying feet,
— but rugged and strong enough to turn back
the tempter's power.

GOD, MAKE THE door of this house the gateway to
Thy eternal Kingdom.

A REMINDER

So that the secretary of the Christmas Card account may be able to make a complete report to the Council Treasurer in advance of the closing of the books for the year, will those owing for cards please make a special effort to settle for them before December 20th. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Christmas card project and, thank you for your cooperation. We still have a few boxes of cards on hand; to fill your needs see one of the Christmas Card Committee:

Mrs. Wagner, H-68852, Mrs. Schell H-2773, Mrs. Bowker, H-46049, Mrs. Schlatter A-26142, Mrs. Siples A-67294, Mrs. Vaught H-50094.

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OFFERING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1943

Regular Offering	\$ 91.71
Missions	5.15
Bldg. Fund30
Tidings	2.00
Thanksgiving	1.50
I Am Doing This Today	472.25

\$572.91

THE WAY

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul,
May keep the path, but will not reach the
goal;

While he who walks in love may wander far,
But God will bring him where the Blessed
are.

—Henry Van Dyke.

— DEBT FREE IN '43 —

The following people have subscribed to the fund to make our church "DEBT FREE IN '43". This is truly a "Roll of Honor" and the church expresses its deep gratitude to all who have had a part in this undertaking.

Ercie Owen
J. Fred Reithmiller
Guy M. Abbott
J. L. Nowells
Gayle Scott
Miss Mabel Haynes
Monroe W. Fitch Family
Carl Wright
Mrs. J. C. Koeyel
Nettie Funk
Mrs. C. F. Kollman
Louise Nichols
Jessie Stauffer
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynn
M. A. Worthington
Edna Saxon
Stella Burkhalter
Kathryn Leversee
Eppie R. Baker
W. H. Imbody
C. D. Dilts
Mrs. Guy M. Abbott
Delmas Young
Harold Bowker
Jean Scott
Carl Altman
C. L. Follis
Jesse Miller
Anita Jane Fitch
Lulu Michael
Harry Hiler
H. P. Love
C. E. Cremer

Chas. Young
Nancy Fay Woodhull
Mr. and Mrs. Gorham
Lynn M. Miller
Mrs. Lillian Scott
Don N. Miller
Rhoda Depotty
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Robbinette
Mary R. Wagner
Mrs. Charles E. Dare
Mr. and Mrs. J. Siples
Mrs. Jennie Rich
Sarah E. Shroyer
Ethyl M. Shroyer
Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer
Mrs. H. J. Bishop
Mr. and Mrs. E. Fusselman
Emma Crabill
Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heller
Mrs. Homer Stevenson
Mrs. Leo Symonds
Helen McLennan
Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Pollard
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richards
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Meyers
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Roper
Florence Crawford
Mrs. Ray Woodhull
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kimble
Mr. and Mrs. E. Gagnon
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egly
Mrs. Estella Binkley
Ella E. Dyer

Emma Bushong
Mrs. Henry Ehle
Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracy
Mrs. Cahow
Elmore N. Schlatter
Fred H. Wilson
Marion Trumbower
Mrs. Wm. Hilbish
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold
Mrs. Mae Sheline
Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell
John Davis
Owen Vaught
J. Z. Berlein
C. F. Durfee
H. W. Sigrist
Mrs. F. H. Hobbs
Marion Halleck
L. F. Sentman
O. G. Schell
J. H. Whitley
C. R. McMaken
B. W. Leversee
Don Crouse
Myron Cole
Ed Kover
Mrs. Flora Virts
Ray Barnett
Flora Gilmore
Mrs. Louise Lacy
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller
Mrs. Frank J. Worrell

Mrs. Robert Clipp

Woman's Council

We still need a small amount to achieve our goal and the Finance Committee will welcome additional pledges.

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

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Welcome...

We welcome our minister into the life of this church, not only as an expert in church management and religious education and the conduct of public worship, but as a friend who is establishing his home among us and casting his lot with the life of this church.

He has had a successful pastorate in New Castle, where there has been over seven hundred additions to the church. An annex for the children was bought and equipped and paid for, the finances more than doubled.

Other pastorates he has held have been the Christian Church in Birdseye, Indiana, where a fine new church edifice was built; Winslow, Indiana, where a modern church plant was constructed. After completing his study in Yale University his first pastorate was the historic church at Bethany College, W. Va. This was the church where Alexander Campbell preached while he was president of Bethany College. Here Mr. Beck did work among the students that attracted brotherhood wide at-



ROBERT TALMAGE BECK

Welcome...

tention; he had a successful pastorate at Greencastle, Indiana, where there was a net increase of over 42% in the membership of the church. The church was remodelled and a beautiful sanctuary built and life of the church greatly strengthened. Here also his work among College students attracted wide attention.

Our minister has been in much demand by our brotherhood agencies. He has spoken before the Indiana State Pastors; many times he has spoken in mid-year conferences; taught in college and older young people's conference both of our own communion and inter-denominational. Was a part of a selected group that launched Christian Adult Movement. He was recently re-elected to the Indiana Commission on Christian Education. Has spoken at the Quadrennial Convention of the International Council of Religious Education and was a preacher at the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

**RECEPTION FOR THE MINISTER DEC. 22ND 8 P.M.
AT THE CHURCH**

LOOK UP! THERE ARE STARS

The world is going through the darkest night of its long and turbulent history. Darkness in which hunger and starvation stalk across nations and whole continents. Darkness in which bombed people hide themselves in moist cellars and muddy ditches. Darkness in which millions of young men live in prison camps in an atmosphere of despair and suicide. Darkness enveloping countless thousands of hopeless refugees who grope blindly along the highways of the earth. Darkness where little children die before the very eyes of their helpless parents. Darkness where God seems strangely absent.

Yet can we not say with Jacob, "Truly, God was here and I did not know"? Is not God in the height of heaven, and are there not stars shining in the night? Is not our darkness brought about by our own blindness and sin? We have lived as if God did not exist and we are bewildered because we cannot see him in the night we have created. Truly, we would not have to seek God if we had already found him.

If then the darkness is of our own making, we can open the door of heaven and let the light of God shine through. God is in the height and the stars do shine in the night just as they shone to lonely shepherds on a hill centuries ago. They remind us today through their steady light of the unalterable purposes of God. They are as true as the promises of God. Only men have wandered.

Christmas has always called us out of our night. The souls of men were black when the Christchild came. But the humble heard the hosannas of God, the humble saw the light of the star, the humble listened to the voice of God within their hearts and the night disappeared.

Yes, God in his heaven is patient with his blind, terror-stricken children. He says to us this Christmas season, "Lift your eyes. Look into the height of heaven. See the stars how bright they are, how clear their light. They promise a new dawn for the world. I promise a new light for your souls. Peace on earth. Goodwill toward men."



*Is not God in the height of heaven?
And, behold the height of the stars,
how high they are.*

Job. 22:12

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MRS. ROBERT TALMAGE BECK



MARTHA JEANNETTE BECK

We also welcome the wife of Rev. Beck into the life of our church. Mrs. Beck has been active in the local phases of the church life. She is past president of the Indiana Christian Ministers' Wives Council; she has held the office of trustee on the Board of Managers of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ; and has spoken before the State Convention and the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. She has taught in Young People's conferences and has been popular both in women's groups and young people's organizations.

We want also to welcome Martha Jeannette, who has just reached the age of five years on December the sixth. Of kindergarten age, we shall welcome her into our children's department.

LOYAL REAPERS CLASS

The Loyal Reapers class will meet with Mrs. Emma Smith, 435 W. Williams St., on Friday, December 17. Christmas Gift exchange.

Please find your 1944 Church Envelope on the table in the Church Parlor. If you get them we won't have to mail them to you.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Guy M. Abbott, Harlan, Indiana, is ill with the "flu."

Mrs. James S. Erwin, 901 Third St., at St. Joseph Hospital. We understand that Mrs. Erwin is ill with bronchial pneumonia.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mr. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave., whose father recently passed away.

To Mr. C. F. Durflee, 1018 College, in the loss of his sister.

D. A. Shaw, retired minister, is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ross E. Firestone, 2212 Alabama Ave. Mr. Shaw is 83 years of age and quite infirm. Let us remember our guests at this season of the year.

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Christmas Greetings

It may be that too many people are looking in the wrong direction to see the heavenly vision and to hear the good tidings. We have learned these past few years the value of things. We have searched our attics and what we called junk now has real value. We believe we are right when we gather these things for our government, as we think of our boys coming home on "a wing and a prayer."

How many strategies are being employed by clever leaders of the world. The technologists are ingenious in their plans and accomplishments. The psychologists are incomparable in their roles as propagandists. So successful are they that we scarcely know whom to believe or whom to trust. And mankind is perishing in great numbers. The world is filled with fear.

But the heavenly message is not propaganda. It is a proclamation. Many men will not dare to believe! But it is there: "Fear not! For behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." This message declares that men are more valuable than things. Here we learn that the only strategy worth using is the strategy of love. And the one psalm that will outlive all national anthems was that sung by the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men."

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TALMAGE BECK,
AND MARTHA JEANNETTE.

Joy to the World, the Lord is Come!

● COKE MISSION SUCCESS

First Christian Church, Republic, Pennsylvania, one of the churches included in the Coke Mission of Disciples of Christ, is ministered to by Thomas L. Pletcher. He reports splendid success on Rally Day, observed October 3. Sunday School attendance was 540; the morning church attendance more than filled the sanctuary, and the evening congregation numbered 217. Two buses are used to bring people in from a number of nearby mining towns. Republic has become the church of an entire section of the county through the use of these buses.

● JAPANESE-AMERICAN RESETTLEMENT

"Nisei must never lose the long range view of this resettlement. It is a chance to find America—an America which has no limiting anti-racial blocks. It is a chance to contribute fully to our nation in war and in the peace to come. There are many who have faith in us. What we find depends entirely on us, and the future will be our making."

These are the brave words of Robert Hosokowa, Japanese-American, who has resettled at Independence, Missouri. Brave words, but we know that success depends upon us also. In a year and a half only about 11,000 Japanese-Americans have been relocated and 91,000 are still in the camps. The War Relocation Authority is working hard, but their efforts have been retarded by the necessity of educating employers and communities to the need.

—Fenner E. King.

Mr. K. Unoura, formerly pastor of the Japanese Christian Church in Los Angeles, now ministering to the Japanese-Americans resettled along the Arkansas River Valley of Colorado, reports he is calling on about 60 families scattered among five towns. This includes almost 500 persons. As he calls and works among them he is encouraging them to attend the regular services of the churches near them.

● NEW MISSION STATION IN ARGENTINA

S. S. McWilliams

A week ago I sat in a meeting held in our Colegiales Church, organized for the purpose of interesting all of our churches here in Buenos Aires in the work we are about to open at Resistencia, in the Chaco. Miss Jorgelina Lozada, as president of our Council of Churches, presided. Sr. Burgos had the devotional period, and Sr. Sarli gave the message. He made a trip north some months ago and came back enthusiastic about the needs and opportunities in that part of Argentina. Mr. Montgomery made a plea for donations to help with the work. There were three gifts of fifty pesos each, another of twenty-five, and one of twenty, in addition to the loose offering of twenty-five pesos. Envelopes were given out and more gifts are expected. It will be a great thing for our churches in Buenos Aires to have an interest outside themselves.

Sr. Sarli left the next day for Resistencia to be gone about a month. He will make definite plans, such as ordering the church benches made, rent a building, etc.

Let Earth Receive Her King!

A Christmas Prayer

We open here our treasures and our gifts;
And some of it is gold,
And some is frankincense,
And some is myrrh;
For some has come from plenty,
Some from joy,
And some from deepest sorrow of the soul.
But Thou, O God, dost know the gift is love,
Our pledge of peace, our promise of good will.
Accept the gift and all the life we bring.

—Herbert H. Hines.



GREETINGS
From Our Living Link

"Glory to God in the highest,
Peace on earth, good-will to men,"
Angels sang to the shepherds
Long ago near Bethlehem.
We, too, can hear that chorus,
And rejoice with the angel band;
We, too, can spread glad tidings
In a suffering, war-torn land.
If gifts of Love and Service
To our Master we should bring
We would find him, not in a manger,
But reigning as our King.

Paul and Ella Kepple,
Margaret, Phyllis, and Paul, Jr.

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Regular	\$195.11
Missions	7.85
Building Fund80
Loose	35.39
Tidings	6.00
I am doing this Today	136.80
Thanksgiving	3.25
Christmas	13.35
	\$398.55

TIDINGS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs. Ida Mae England, 636 E. Jefferson
Miss Louise McGuire, 2806½ S. Lafayette
Miss Marguerite McGuire, 2806½ S. Lafayette
Mrs. N. Newland, 919 Webster
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Tracey, 2015 Frary
Mrs. C. W. Winfield, 1001 Columbia
Mr. & Mrs. O. G. Fields, 618 Archer
Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Broxon, 1607 Franklin
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Robinett, 1723 Tecumseh
Mr. & Mrs. E. Treace, 1024 Eckart
Mrs. David Hogg, 930 Lake
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, 835 W. Wayne
Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Somers, 1031½ W. Washington

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Samuel Manning, 1301 Wabash Ave.,
member of First Church, is in Methodist Hos-
pital, Room 315.

Mrs. Jennie Rich is ill in St. Joseph Hospital,
Room 255. Mrs. Rich is unable to see callers
at this time.

A CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee wish to thank
their many friends in the Church for the kind
and sincere expressions of sympathy during
their recent bereavement.

Springfield, Mo.
December 19, 1943.

REV. ROBERT T. BECK:

First Christian Church, W. Jefferson St.

God bless you as a most promising ministry
begins today. First Church is a great Church.
May it become greater still. The Becks merit
your complete confidence and enthusiastic,
unanimous support. Back your Church and
chosen leaders by prayer, regular attendance,
and redoubled zeal.

THE BARTON A. JOHNSON FAMILY.

THROUGH THE MINISTER'S WINDOW

The Beck family wish to thank all their new
friends known and unknown for their many
kindnesses. Many cards and expressions of
good will have been received and we are
grateful. We also want to thank all who have
helped in the moving process and the setting
up of our new home. We are never strangers
among Christian brethren.

We wish to speak our appreciation for the
responsive, worshipful congregation on Sun-
day morning. We noticed especially the good
congregational singing. Our choir by their
worshipful reverent attitude added much to
our worship service.

The cheery Christmas decorations added
much to the Christmas atmosphere Sunday
morning. Surely touches of beauty are most
fitting in God's house.

The minister and his wife enjoyed a fine
fellowship at the Christmas party of the Pro-
gressive Class. Santa was there and every
one was remembered. What lovely children
we have in our church, surely they deserve
our best in care and planning and Christian
nurture.

The Becks also enjoyed meeting with a
group of young people Sunday evening for a
candle-light Christmas service. Afterward
they adjourned to the home of Miss Jean Scott
and her mother, Mrs. Scott, for a social hour.
This group is our future church and they de-
serve our loyal support.

Sermon subject next Sunday, "When We
Are Too Busy". Remember our church school
at 9:30 a.m. Let's keep it on the upgrade.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Siples, 1127 Charlotte Ave.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fleck, 1007 Liberty St.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Romaine Cole,
3115 S. Wayne, at the Lutheran hospital.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hill, 1259
Wells St.

We welcome these babies into our church
family and ask God's blessing on them and
their families.

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HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

"Five days and five nights without sleep, afraid to stumble for fear he would fall into sleep, fighting every moment the cruel way of the first World War." That is the way one man told of his experiences.

Now our men are again enduring, going on without regard to the cost of life or energy.

You are tired on Sunday morning. We ought to be. We should be ashamed if we aren't in days like these.

Being tired should deter no one from worship at church. Or what are these men fighting for?

Fine music for this Sunday. A good crowd last Sunday. Why haven't you ask that person you always wanted to come to church. We can fill our church. That is if you want it filled. True patriotism calls for nothing less in these days when we are fighting for Religious freedom.

Come and sing the great hymns we sing in our church each Sunday. These will help you tune your heart and mind to the Infinite.

Hear our minister's stirring message on "When Friendship Means Something." Do we, Diciples, have anything to say. Come hear your minister's message.

Come to Worship 10.30 a. m.

Our Church School 9:30 a. m.

Hear our orchestra each Sunday morning. Then enjoy and enter into the discussion of our adult classes.

For our children we have carefully arranged programs. In these days our children should be in the church on Sunday. See that your' children are there. Bring them, that is the right way.

OUR FIRST ONE

It is with deep concern that we record the information that Clarence E. Cremer, Jr. is missing in North Africa Area since Nov. 26th. The sympathy of the church goes out to Mr. Cremer's mother and his sister in this anxious period while they still hope that further word may come to them.

Clarence was popular and much liked among the younger group of our church. And this news comes as a shock to his many friends. There is comfort and satisfaction in the knowledge that he was a loyal member of the church.

PLEASE TELEPHONE

Please telephone the office secretary any sick or distress notices. By this method the minister can better organize his calls. Also, such notices will then be sure to appear in the Tidings. The Office telephone is No. A-86145.

OFFICERS

The Officers of the Youth Group are composed of Miss Gayle Scott, President, Miss Virginia Dare, Vice-President, Miss Ella Dyer, Secretary and Miss Elsie Keith, Treasurer.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

ALL PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Sponsored by
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

All People's Church and Community Center are in a part of Los Angeles that sorely needs the message of Jesus who loved all men. They occupy the buildings erected for the Japanese Christian Church and Institute and left vacant with the evacuation of all Japanese from the coastal area.

The adults of the area are mostly honest and industrious, but they call for a church that will bring fellowship and meaning into their lives. Many are working long hours each week, often both parents are employed. Adolescent boys are eager to establish themselves among their fellows by mischief-making; others are unable to play without losing their tempers. Tiny children need a balanced diet not provided in their homes. Many crave entertainment of a sort not found in the cheap movies which they occasionally can afford. And so in a commun-

ity that has few public playgrounds the yard is usually crowded from the time school is out till dark, and a member of the staff is always present. For "zoot-suit gangs" there have been substituted clubs for boys and girls.

A station of the Los Angeles Public Library has been installed. The nursery-kindergarten is an institution in itself as nearly fifty children of neighborhood families are cared for where both parents work.

A church school with four classes has been organized, and junior church follows the class period.

For a population of Nordics, Negroes, Orientals there has been provided an institution toward a neighborly and peaceful world.

Some are citizens—second, or third, or fourth, or fifth generation. Others are aliens, because the Exclusion Act has barred them up to this time. Some are Catholic, some are Protestants, and some are contacting Christianity for the first time. It is believed all wish to be Americans—and Christians.

● OUR MISSIONARIES ARE WELL

The first word from our Philippine missionaries since December 7, 1941, came through friends on the SS GRIPSHOLM. They report that Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber, who were stationed in Vigan in the northern part of the Island of Luzon, are interned in the camp near Baguio. This is a mountain resort town about midway of the island.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, with their small son, who were in language school at Baguio at the beginning of hostilities are also in this camp. They are from China.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fonger, former Philippine missionaries, now representatives of the American Bible Society, are in Camp Banos and are well.

● FIVE MONTHS EN ROUTE

Miss Margaret Lawrence and Mrs. Edna Gish, both of whom have spent many years in missionary service in China, have reached that field again after spending five months en route. They left the United States last June, and by various means of transportation have now safely reached Chengtu, in Free China.

Their first long stop was in Buenos Aires where they visited with our Argentine workers and in our churches. Then in South Africa they were surprised to meet Mr. and Mrs. Hobgood of the Congo Mission who were en route home for furlough. They also had opportunity here of attending services in a splendid church.

In China they will help in relief activities and in the evangelistic and educational program.



*"Lead on, O King Eternal
We follow, not with fear."*

OFFERINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1944

Regular	\$176.95
Missions	14.00
Building	2.35
Initial Envelopes30
Tidings	2.50
Christmas	8.25
I am doing this today	37.40
Loose	16.89

\$258.64

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THE MINISTER AND HIS PEOPLE

HOW SHALL I TREAT OUR MINISTER

One seems to be able to find an easy answer to the question, "How shall I treat our minister?" "Treat him like a brother." That seems obvious. It is true he is a brother in Christ and in the church. You will encourage him and help him as you treat him as your brother, and your friend.

The minister however wants to be more than that. He wants to minister to his people. He has spent long years in training and study to equip himself, as other professional men equip themselves, to carry out his office as minister and counsellor of his people.

The medical profession has been successful in building up in the minds of people wholesome attitudes toward him and his profession. When there are physical needs, men and women rightly go to their physician, not only as their friend, but as one who is schooled in the science of medicine; to him they frankly relate their difficulties.

More and more everywhere church members are turning to their minister in a similar manner. They do not expect their pastor to call to chat about "nothings." They look to him as one who through training and experience can minister unto their needs, their sorrow and to be a help to them in needs that arise through disaster, disappointment, joys, aspiration. They turn to him knowing that he can bring comfort, strength, insight and spiritual light upon pressing problems. When they need him they call him or come to him. And they are always welcomed.

When you have a sorrow or a great joy let your minister come into your life or into your home, let him minister as a friend. Let him counsel with you, let him visit you when you are sick; let him know your children, let him minister to you when there is death. When you are trying to win another to Christ and his church, let your minister help you. When there is to be a marriage let him counsel and help you as well as solemnize the marriage.

**COME TO YOUR MINISTER OR CALL
YOUR MINISTER WHEN YOU NEED HIM.**

PEW ENVELOPES

When using pew envelopes BE SURE your name is written on it; this is very important to keeping the financial records straight.

In the Collection plate Sunday, January 2nd, there was a new envelope containing \$3.00; marked \$1.50 for regular and \$1.50 for building fund but carrying no name on it. These amounts can not be credited to the proper person unless some means of identification is established. Will the person who placed this envelope on the collection plate please call the office some morning so that credit may be given.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mr. Wm. Hilbish,
Mrs. Ansel Gaskill, 475 St. Joseph Hospital.
Miss M. Kayser
Mrs. S. M. Manning
Mrs. Jennie Rich, St. Joseph Hospital
Mrs. Katherine Dunn, Lutheran Hospital.

The first regular meeting of the Official Board for 1944 will meet Sunday morning, January 9th, in the church parlor following the Morning worship.

DORCAS CLUB

The Dorcas Club will meet with Mrs. John Davis, 2946 Plaza Drive Thursday, January 13th at 2 o'clock. Election of Officers.

WELCOME

We are happy to welcome into the life of First Christian Church:

Miss Ella Dyer, 1215 McClellan St.
Miss Emma Dorris, 409 W. Jefferson St.
Mr. J. M. Miller, 440 E. Taber St.
Miss Martha Dilts, 3121 So. Fairfield Ave.
who made the Confession and was baptised on Sunday, December 19th.

SUNDAY EVENING GROUP

Miss Gayle Scott President of the Sunday Evening Youth Group has announced her committee heads and the Standards Committee. Miss Jean Scott, Program Chairman, Miss Thelma Trumbower, Social Committee Chairman and Miss Anita Fitch, Music and Worship Chairman. The Standards committee will set up standards for those who wish to go to Summer Conference.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

Young people who are interested in going to summer conference should get in touch with members of this committee or the minister at the earliest possible date for it is going to be possible for any young person who will meet the standards to go to summer conference.

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STEPPING-UP PROGRAM FOR FIRST CHURCH

Adopted unanimously by Official Board)

Lift Up Spiritual Living

The congregation will be asked to enrich their spiritual life by attendance on the Worship and Communion Service each Sunday and by daily private devotion in reading the sacred scriptures and by using such aids as "The Hearthstone." Lift Up Your Spiritual living. Make the right spiritual adjustment.

Mobilize the Membership

Our membership is to be placed in zones and districts. The whole membership is to be visited. The membership of the families are to be registered. We are to look for talent of all kinds. We want to know of and know about our youth and children. The Christian home and family life are to be lifted up in our church.

Stepping-Up Our Church School

Everyone is to be invited to enroll in our Church School. A vital place for every one. Teachers and leaders trained and consecrated. The best methods and the best materials.

The Church to Have "A Children's House"

The old parsonage is to be renovated, redecorated and furnished for a children's house. A bright, happy, environment for our lovely children. Modern equipment will make this house, efficient, modern and attractive, a place where parents will be delighted to have their children.

Stepping-Up Our Evangelism

Hundreds, if not thousands, of people in Fort Wayne have no church home. Literally hundreds prefer the Christian Church. A comprehensive program to reach these people will be launched. Members of the church will be enlisted and trained to visit the homes that should be identified with the First Christian Church.

Stepping-Up Our Social Life

Plans for increased social life, as a church, are being prepared. It is intended that our church shall be a friendly church where members are friends interested in one another.

Stepping-Up Our Finances

Members are asked to re-study their giving to the church. Are you giving what you gave five years ago? Did you give your share five years ago? Many people across the nation are trying tithing (10%) of their income for religious causes. The government allows 15% to be deducted from your income for religious causes. How far short are you from what your government has thought religious church people would do? No pressure will be used. But every member is asked to re-study their giving in the light of the income of today and thereby to undergird their church in the larger program that is being launched. Step-up your giving for local work and for the world cause of Christianity.

HELP STEP-UP YOUR CHURCH IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY!



● LEPROSY ON THE INCREASE

A short time ago I became interested in knowing just how many lepers there are in this district, so I decided to make a trip and take a census. I went by canoe the first day, stopping at the villages and arriving at the last one just at dusk. The next day it rained and I did not get away as early as I had planned. I sent my camping outfit direct to the place I intended to stay the night, as I was going around by river to one

village and then across country by bicycle.

I got to the village all right and started my work but dusk was falling before I finished. The chief insisted that I stay there all night, that there were elephants in the forest, and no one ever tried to go out after dark. He offered to hunt some eggs and cook them for me. When I reminded him I had no bed, he very kindly offered me his own.

But I resisted his arguments and got a couple of fellows with lanterns to go with me and we started off. We got to the heart of the forest between the two villages when we were paralyzed with fear at the most terrifying noises. "That's an elephant!" cried one of the boys. We waved our lights and made as much noise as we could, to try to drive him away. Finally he turned and ambled on — and so did we.

We miss the hotels and cars and highways in Congo, but we manage to get there.

I found leprosy more than trebled in the last two years. There are at least 1000 lepers in this district that ought to be under treatment now.

— Goldie Alumbaugh,
Wema, Africa.

● GOODWILL MISSION

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, "the apostle of literacy," is now visiting seven republics of South America, and also Mexico, working with missionaries and educational leaders in the preparation of literacy charts by means of which illiterate people can be trained to read in a few weeks. Most of these charts which Dr. Laubach and his associates will be working on will be in languages of the Indian peoples of the southern continent — one in a tongue not yet reduced to writing. This itinerary is considered a contribution of North American Protestantism to goodwill between the Americas.

● THE CHURCH SERVES THE SCHOOLS

Mr. Ralph Q. Adams, home missions pastor at Hazel Green, Kentucky, is taking a religious program into five of the public schools nearby. In each, once a week he conducts a chapel service, with songs and stories. One feature which is eagerly looked forward to is the presentation of a famous painting with its story. The picture is then left in the school until the following week when another is presented.



Humanity Hungers

The ceaseless pounding at mission gates of desperately hungry, ragged, destitute refugees or victims of bombings, famine or flood creates a strain almost unendurable. As one missionary wrote home, "The easiest thing we could do would be to go away and let these people starve; but they are our brothers and sisters and we must stay and do what we can for them."

Neither can we at home give up because the task looms so large. As long as there is hunger in the world, just so long will **Christians**, with compassion, give of their means to buy food.

OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1944

Regular	\$205.20
Missions	13.45
Building Fund	2.45
Loose	21.21
Initial Offering15
Tidings	5.00
Heat	2.00
Christmas	1.25
I am doing this today	1.00

Total\$251.71

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THE MINISTER AND HIS PEOPLE

Making the Minister and Making the Congregation

Dr. Henry Jowett, one of the great preachers, was called from Carr's Lane to the influential Fifth Avenue church in New York City. Some time after, a member from Fifth Avenue visited Carr's Lane. After it was known that he was from Fifth Avenue, he inquired, "What are you going to do about a successor to Dr. Jowett?" This is the reply he received: "We are not worried. You know Carr's Lane makes its preachers."

What church membership would have thought of this. One would be inclined to deny that churches make their ministers. But in a real sense it is true, "We make our preachers."

Dr. Bert Wilson, late of the Pension Fund, told the story of a church in Nebraska. Most of the budget of that church was made from a stand at the county fair each year. They urged their preacher to help them at this stand. He became known as the best hamburger salesman in the whole county. He never knew he had such talent until the church drew it out. And lo when this had been achieved, they were ready for another minister.

It is simply true, many church people have no thought-out conception of the ministry.

In mature congregations, where there is a comprehensive philosophy of the ministry, ministers and congregations grow together. Here the minister feels inspired to do his best. His mind is untrammelled by rumors and suspicions. He trusts his people to support all efforts that lead to Christian growth and maturity. Leaders in the life of the church seek to cultivate the spiritual life of their minister and to bring to light and effectiveness his strong points. "Carr's Lane makes its preachers."

When asked why a certain church was so great in spirit, so harmonious in fellowship, so world-wide in outlook, the elder replied, "In the last sixty years this church has had three great ministers. They were spiritual, scholarly, consecrated men."

There is a mutual obligation between the minister and his people. In harmony and love should they work together to build the Kingdom of God.

ELDERS SERVING

January 16: W. C. Birkhold and Owen Vaught.

ILLNESS

Miss Jeanette Drewett recently underwent an operation on her feet.

Mr. George Barbier, 3116 S. Calhoun St.

Mrs. Hettie Haddox, 1117 Sinclair, ill with broken arm.

Miss Donna Blair 2909 John St., also suffered a broken arm.

"HOW MUCH CAN THE CHURCH STAND?"

This will be the subject of the morning sermon on Sunday. People are coming to church these days. At no time have the people of this country needed the church as they do today. The church and all free institutions have had their very life threatened. It seems as though the American people are appreciating that which we were about to lose. Many are saying, "It is my patriotic duty to go to church." What are you saying? Are you coming because you love the church? Can you say with that great hymn, "I Love Thy Church, O God." COME AND WORSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD ON SUNDAY. Time, 10:30 A.M.

Remember the Church School — 9:30 A.M.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Walter Birkhold in the great loss she has suffered in the death of her father. However the hope of Christians are her's in comfort and in the knowledge of the fine character of her father, who was for many years an honored and respected minister among the Disciples of Christ.

Please telephone all sick and distress calls to the Secretary of the Church, Telephone No. A-86145.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The General Executive of the Council will meet Tuesday, January 18th at 1:00 P.M. The afternoon program will be at 2:30 P.M. Mrs. Herschel Bailey and Mrs. Lawrence Sentman will present a dialogue "Counting on You." Mrs. E. D. Cruse and Mrs. Edward Brolin will sing a Victory song. Mrs. Robert Beck will give the devotions. The guest speaker of the day will be Mrs. L. P. Brett, her subject: The Evacuation of the Western World.

All women of the church and their friends are cordially invited to attend this afternoon meeting of the Women's Council. Become interested and you will find it interesting.

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STEPPING-UP PROGRAM

ANNUAL MEETING AND FAMILY NIGHT
SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23rd — 5:30 P.M.

A real fellowship will be enjoyed by the membership of the church in a pot-luck, carry-in dinner.

Excellent Program

Mr. Owen Vaught, chairman of the program committee, reports that plans are underway to make this a most interesting meeting.

Family To Come

There will be a program for the children and youth, including recreational games. All the family may come.

Announcement of Importance

An announcement that will be of great interest to every member of the church will be made at this meeting.

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE PRESENT

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DOLLAR OR MORE CLUB

The Finance Division has announced the forming of a **dollar or more club**. To be a member of this club you must give, as a family, one dollar or more per week, to the support of the church.

Names to be published

The names of the members of this club will be published the latter part of February. A complete roster will be given.

Think It Through

Members of the church are asked to think through their support of the church. Does your giving represent you? Have you increased your giving in the last three or four years?

It is hoped that we may have fifteen or twenty families who will give five dollars or more per week to the church and those who are giving less and can give more will step up their pledges. It is hoped that many who have been giving 25c, 50c, 75c, over a long period of years may find it in their hearts to step up their pledges to a dollar or more.

Make Giving a Happy Experience

It is not the desire of the Finance Division to use any pressure of any kind. They want the membership to re-think their obligation to the church in this time when the whole program will be stepped-up to meet the demands of his day when people need what the church, and the church alone, can give. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. As we bring our gift to the house of God let us bring them cheerfully.

Tithing Our Gasoline

Did you know that some people are tithing their gasoline coupons for Christ and His church? They are using a tenth of their rationing of gasoline for the purpose of coming and bringing others to church and for calling on others in the cause of the church. If you have not done so, try tithing your gasoline. Bring others to church with you.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY — ENJOY THE CROWDS AND THE FELLOWSHIP

Sermon: Beating Back Our Enemies. Hear these sermons our minister is bringing. Enter into the singing. Let your soul delight in the good music we are having. Time, 10:30 a.m. Come early. Take a good **Front seat**.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL: CLASSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN; CLASSES FOR YOUTH; DEPARTMENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN. WELL PREPARED PROGRAMS AND DISCUSSION.

Your children should be here. Bring them with you, that is the right way.

VICTORY SHARES

The fine spirit of our church is seen in the large response that has been made to the appeal of Mr. Sentman, chairman of our finance division. These shares are for \$10. each. This is to complete our \$3,500. program. If you can, bring in your expression before our annual meeting when an important announcement is expected to be made. It is hoped that these will be in by Sunday morning.

● ALL MEN ARE BROTHERS

Urging American people, and especially the people of the churches, to understand and do something about the prejudices of American whites against the Negroes, Jews, Japanese, Chinese and others in this country, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America says:

"As Christians, each of us should enlist in the organized movement for inter-racial brotherhood, and wherever there is a struggle for the advancement of all the people, be in the lead; be unprejudiced and wise enough to bridge and cross the chasms of racial isolation and segregation; give active support to the Fair Employment Practice Committee against discrimination in employment and in industry; vigorously oppose all policies and practices of racial discrimination in the armed services."

● VISITING THE OUTSTATIONS

Letters from the Congo Mission, four to six months on the way, are now bringing news of their work in the summer. With no Christmas or Easter vacations the schools were out at Monieka the last of May. Students were due back August 23 for the new term, but in the meantime there was much visiting of the outstations to be done by the missionaries.

Mrs. Jaggard started the week before school was out, and Miss Gertrude Shoemaker and Miss Martha Bateman got away the week after. Each of the women was accompanied by a Supervisor-Evangelist or a graduate of Congo Christian Institute to help in the holding of institutes and to advise regarding locations of teachers. There were ten new teachers to be placed.

Miss Bateman visited all our teachers between two big tributaries of the Juappa River, and across the stream from the station. Miss Shoemaker began at Monieka and worked toward the highlands where Wema station joins Monieka. In August Mrs. Jaggard and Mrs. Hedges

visited fields across and down the river.

In the meantime Dr. Jaggard made his weekly trips to the clinic for the workmen of a large plantation in the area.

● MISSIONARIES TRANSFERRED

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andress of the Paraguay Mission are on loan to the Argentine Mission for one year, following their furlough in the United States. They reached the field after a ten-day trip by air and are nicely installed in an apartment over the Colegiales Christian Church in Buenos Aires where they will serve as pastors.

Their Sunday services will include worship at 9:30, Sunday school at 10:30, and worship again at 8:45 P. M. There is also a Tuesday evening service. The women meet on two afternoons a month; juniors and intermediates on Saturday afternoon, and young people from 6:00 to 8:00 on Saturday evening. During summer vacation in January it is planned to hold a vacation church school, and in February there are conferences for intermediates and for young people.

Buenos Aires is a fine modern city of 2,500,000 population, with subways, skyscrapers, etc. The Colegiales Church is located in a smaller business section about forty minutes from downtown.

Says John Long of Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi:

"When people are hungry, indecently clothed, improperly housed, and have no provision for the enrichment of body and soul in an area with all the potentialities of a Paradise, that should concern the Church.

"Now we are in a position to do more of this vital work than ever before, through one of our new teachers, Rev. William K. Fox. Most of his time is given to field work in helping churches plan programs which will effectively meet the needs of their communities. And he is training and using students to help in this valuable extension work."

*S*ING unto the Lord with thanksgiving;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God;
Who coverest the heaven with clouds,
Who preparest rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

*He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
He giveth snow like wool;
He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
He casteth forth his ice like morsels.
Who can stand before his cold?*

*He sendeth out his word and melteth them;
He causeth the wind to blow, and the waters to flow.
Praise ye the Lord.*

—Psalm 147: 7-9, 16-18



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THE MINISTER AND HIS PEOPLE

General Considerations

The relationship between a minister and his people has been spoken in the most appealing manner by those who have known these relationships at their best. The minister has been called a prophet, indicating that he was fearless in presenting the truth, in that he maintained a close relationship with God and that he maintained a zeal for the good of his people. He has been called a shepherd, signifying that he reflected the master in his love for his people and his desire to feed them. He has been called an ambassador, revealing his earnestness and concern that the gospel be preached to everyone, to the end that they might be consecrated by baptism in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Most ministers have been conscientious that these should be taught to observe whatsoever things the Master had commanded.

In the light of the above we may get a view of some of the necessities that confront the minister. Before he assumes these obligations he must prepare himself. He must continue to equip and to prepare himself after he has assumed his duties as minister. The trends of the day together with its happenings, he will survey carefully, for he is sensitive to new light that may break forth from God's truth. As a prophet of God, he must forewarn his people. He will be concerned about the sheepfold, the place where the sheep are cared for. Consequently he will be interested in the program that the church follows; he will be concerned about the procedures in education, the finances, the social life and the total spirit of the church.

The minister will be sympathetic with the individual members of the congregation and will be prepared to counsel with them in time of joy and in time of strain and in times of sorrow. He will be interested in youth and age alike. He will be interested in reaching the unreached. It will be his

keen desire to see that the gospel reach the many, and it will be his delight to see that new faces are continually brought into the kingdom, and into the fellowship of the church.

The affection of the church for the minister forms a fine part of the Church history. One need but recall Henry Jowett, Phillip Brooks, F. W. Robertson, not to mention any of the fine ministers that have graced the pulpits of our own brotherhood, and whose long ministries to their congregations endeared them to homes of their congregation, as their lives became lasting inspiration. Great souls in the congregation made it possible for the voice of their minister to sound the higher notes of Christian living. Every minister has in him spiritual tunes that are never played "until the right church touches the keyboard." It is one of the privileges of a church to surround the minister with high possibilities, that bring out his best qualities.

The church may help the minister to be his best by making an atmosphere of freedom. Truth great as it is, never grows by repression or by fear. One of the wise men of the past said, "I disagree with everything you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

The church can make the church more effective by using the minister's strong points. Give the minister opportunity to express his talents. By giving the minister opportunity for study the church will make possible the expanding of his horizons and by giving him opportunity for travel they will enrich his fellowship. The church can give the minister an opportunity to have a happy home. He ought to have time with his wife and children. The minister and his people!

The world dreadfully needs the love of God and the spirit of Jesus Christ. Considerate, sympathetic, understanding, believing always the best about each other, praying and working together in the bond of love, friends, co-workers with God, should be the minister and his people.

CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENTS OF CHURCH

The Church Board Executive met and appointed the following chairmen of committees: Church Worship, Owen Vaught; Church Service, Merland Heller; Church Building, W. C. Birkhold; Finance and Audit, Lawrence S. Sentman; Religious Education, Donald L. Crouse; Evangelism, Walter C. Birkhold; Young People, H. P. Love; Relief, Mrs. J. M. Sutton; Membership, Owen Vaught.

THE CHOIR

There are people in our membership who have nice voices and enjoy singing. Is there anything we can do to persuade you to affiliate your self with the choir? Choir practice every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m.

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STEPPING-UP PROGRAM

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For the first time in decades the First Christian Church is debt free. The burning of the mortgage will be an event of interest in the next few weeks.

FINE GIFTS

A gift of \$500 from one of our good members brought the \$3,500 program to a swift conclusion. It is because we have members like this one and those who have helped co-operatively in this enterprise that we are a great church. Many Victory Shares were accepted by members of the congregation. This assures us a margin in our working capital in the church.

DOLLAR OR MORE PER WEEK CLUB

The finance division is gratified at the response that has been made in finances among the members of the church. Some of our members have more than tripled their giving, many have more than doubled their weekly giving. It is most encouraging that all this is being done voluntarily. IF YOU HAVE NOT THOUGHT THROUGH YOUR GIVING, PLEASE DO IT NOW. IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH WON'T YOU INCREASE YOUR PLEDGE NOW. In an issue of the Tidings in February, we hope to publish the names of those who are in the Dollar or More Club. Let people know that you love the church and are happy to support your church.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Many of us are pleased with the large number who are attending morning worship at First Christian Church. But we are eager to know how we may greatly increase that number. **Do you have an idea?** Let us have it. **Here is one idea.** It has been suggested that you, the reader, take it upon yourself to see that an additional person is present next Sunday. In other words use **Your** influence for the church service next Sunday. You may tell them the minister's sermon is

"WHAT WE DO TO OTHERS"

Tell them they will appreciate the fine music, and even more, the fine fellowship that our congregation enjoys. Tell them we are trying to be First, Christian at our church on Jefferson and Fairfield. Remember the time is 10:30 A. M.

OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS MOVE ON

With the "go" having been given to our church school, committees are set up to carry to completion the idea of "The Children's House." Before many Sundays, we hope to have an "open house" when we shall be able to see our new quarters fixed in the most modern fashion for our children. We do not want the most gorgeous, but we expect to have the best for our children.

Come to church and follow this program through. The best way is to be in the church school yourself each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Classes for everyone. Careful planning for our children. Bring them with you. That is the right way.

BROTHERHOOD DINNER — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd.

Our Annual Meeting and Family Night was a great success Sunday. Our next gathering as a family night will be on February 23rd. Again on that night there will be a special arrangement for our children. There will be a brotherhood program for the adults.

PLEASE PLACE THIS NIGHT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR YOUR CHURCH.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

How beautiful were the flowers in our sanctuary Sunday! Could we not build a roster of those who would contribute beautiful flowers for one Sunday? Will not a number of our readers do this Will not someone volunteer immediately for this Sunday? As only flowers can, let them bring a message to us Sunday by Sunday. Will someone begin this Sunday?

● A STORY OF INDIA

Old Konu (perhaps fifty years old, but more like a man of 85 in the States) had been a Christian only a short time when famine came upon his land—such complete famine as he had experienced only once before in his lifetime.

With others of his family, he left the Christian community and went back to his old job of playing the drums for Hindu weddings, thereby earning enough to keep body and soul together.

Some months later a group of Christians went to a distant village and began to preach to the audience which gathered quickly, and they said, "Tonight we are going to tell you about the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. You do not know about Him, do you?"

Old Konu was in that audience, and he stood up to say, "Yes, we do know about Him. In fact, He is my Savior." And he continued to give testimony to the others concerning his faith in Jesus and urged them to accept Christ as their Savior.

In a few days word was sent back to the missionaries that four men had been baptized in the village of Old Konu, who is not a preacher or a teacher but a simple village Christian of India.

● FOR SERVICE MEN

A Service Men's Center was officially inaugurated at Manati, Puerto Rico, on the second Wednesday in November by the Christian Church in that city. Twenty-two soldiers and officers of the U. S. Army, representing fourteen states, were present from camps nearby. They played ping pong, dominoes and Chinese checkers; read the magazines and newspapers which were available, such as *Life*, *Time*, *Colliers*, *Readers Digest*, *Saturday Evening Post*, *World Call*, and the books from the library of the pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Virgilio Gonzales. There was music by the group and special numbers by a lieutenant from San Juan who brought along his trumpet.

Last but not least, there were homemade refreshments and a homelike atmosphere with opportunity to relax. The women of the Manati church have offered to do mending and darning for the soldiers. Mrs. Gonzales has offered to prepare meals to order for those who long for home cooked food. This lovely woman from the States is an added attraction in a land where even the language (Spanish) is strange and new.

● THE MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN TEXAS

Robstown has a vigorous program, with a continuous class for workers, a day nursery during the cotton harvest when many mothers are in the fields, a splendid vacation church school in the vacation season. Pastor Rocha baptized eight last year, and the goal for this year is fifteen. The church has been painted this year, as well as the interior of the parsonage.

San Benito is led by Pastor Abel Charles, formerly one of our pastors in Old Mexico. Two services are held every day. A room is kept open for prayer for soldier boys of the whole community. They baptized 36 last year on a goal of fifteen, and this year set a goal of 64 to make a total of 100 for two years.

McAllen is making real progress under Pastor Davilla. Their parsonage and church have been papered and renovated. There were ten baptized in this church last year.

San Antonio is our largest Mexican church in the United States. They baptized 22 last year and plan for a greater effort this year. Their youth program has been disrupted by the draft and by war jobs, which is true of all the churches but their laymen are showing a new zeal for and understanding of the church.



Christ Wants The Best

*Christ wants the best.
He in the far-off ages
Once claimed the firstlings of the flock,
The finest of the wheat;
And still He asks His own with gentlest pleading
To lay their highest hopes
And brightest talents at His feet.
He'll not forget the smallest service,
Humblest love,
He only asks that from our store
We give to Him the best we have.*

—Author Unknown

A SON

Word has reached us of the birth of a son on January 23rd to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brands. Harold Brown Brands weighed eight pounds and ten ounces. His mother and father were active in this church but now live in Hartford City. We send greeting and best wishes to this family.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Ruth Lotz and Paul Yentes. January 22, 1944. Congratulations! We wish you both a happy Christian home.

A DAUGHTER

We rejoice with the parents as we read of a new arrival, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson, at Lutheran Hospital, Room 354. Born January 23, 1944. Welcome!

FOR THOSE WE "HAVE LOST AWHILE"

To Mrs. Elmer Braun in the passing of her father,
To Mrs. Harrison Simon in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Plattner,
To Mrs. Joseph M. Fitch, Mrs. Rose Wilkerson and Mrs. Anna Hirschy and families in the passing of their mother, Mrs. G. B. McCormick.
We extend our heart-felt Christian solicitations and sympathy.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Ruth Circle, with Mrs. N. Newland, 919 Webster St., Tuesday, February 1st, 8:00 p.m.
Rachel Circle, with Mrs. A. O. Schell, 225 Esmond St., Tuesday, February 1st, 2:15 p.m.
Esther Circle, with Mrs. Wm. Hilbish, 328 W. Butler St., Wednesday, February 2nd.
Martha Circle, with Mrs. Ed. Kirby, 3420 Broadway, Wednesday, February 2nd, 2:15 p.m.

ILLNESS

W. B. Shively, at St. Joseph Hospital, Room 119.
Mrs. J. R. Coar, Pendleton, Indiana, R. 1. Mrs. Coar has been in the hospital.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. C. R. McMaken, 3022 South Wayne Ave., Friday evening, February 4th.

NURSERY NEWS

The nursery for the use of children whose parents are attending church services, has been in use for a month now; but last Sunday, there was really a crowd. Thirteen youngsters, from four months to eight years, were entertained.

We are pleased to have these children and hope that from now on you will feel free to leave your children there.

It is necessary that the mothers alternate in spending a Sunday in the nursery. Also, if some of the teen-age girls would like to help out, their services will be appreciated. There should be at least one mother and one student in the nursery each Sunday. It shouldn't be necessary to serve more than once in two months.

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OFFERING SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1944

Regular	\$200.25
Missions	36.30
Building Fund95
Loose	13.30
Tidings50
Heat	6.00
Easter50
Victory Shares	96.00
I am Doing This Today	26.00
Hearthstone	1.00

Total\$380.80
SPECIAL GIFT\$500.00

EDDIE CANTOR SAYS: "GO TO CHURCH"

"We've had a lot of fun here tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and now, if you'll permit me, I'd like to say something a bit more serious. Here in Los Angeles a few days ago, we had a rather disturbing windstorm, I was walking along Sunset Boulevard at the time, and like other pedestrians, I ran for cover as the gale swept down. There were a number of stores nearby, but something guided me toward a building across the street. I stood there in the archway several minutes, I guess, before I realized where I was. I had taken refuge in the doorway of a church—and it set me to thinking. This world is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know no better place to go for it than a church. You know, the church must be a very strong and righteous thing—for it has survived every enemy it ever had! And the book which embodies the principles of the church—the Bible—is still at the top of the best-seller list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country where we can worship as we please, when we please. Let's make the most of this blessing. Go to church. Whatever your race or creed. — You'll meet old friends—and make some new ones. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here. Go to church."

—from over the air.

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WE HAVE HIGH POSSIBILITIES

When high possibilities loom before us we see the value of being our very best.

An army officer serving as a censor for soldiers' mail became converted to the Christian religion according to the Office of Chaplains in Washington as a result of his experience. "So many men," the officer admitted, "writing to their fathers or mothers or wives, have shown a faith that was a living, real thing, that I began to feel that I was missing the biggest thing in life. It changed me for good."

Fathers, mothers, wives, sons and daughters are showing real faith today. Could you be classed in this group? Does the community know where you stand? If your neighbor was as yet uncommitted to Christ, would he think that Christianity was the biggest thing in life as he observed your ways?

Christ and his followers were observed as going to the House of God for worship. They recalled that it was a habit with Christ.

Have you thought how much time and effort goes into the preparation for our services on Sunday. Many share in the details of making the celebration of the Lord's Supper meaningful and sacred. The choir spends time in preparation for the offering of music. To say nothing of the preparation of our minister and the teachers and officers.

EVERY WORSHIPPER SHOULD MAKE INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION. The Hymns for Sunday will include "Speak to Me That I May Speak", "Love for All and Can It Be"; why not try these over before you come. Then join heartily in the singing. Make your time in worship at church have real meaning for you and your family.

WHEN GOD'S TURN COMES! This will be the sermon subject for Sunday Morning Worship Service, at 10:30 o'clock. **TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT,** and invite them to church this Sunday.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Workers have been busy on the Children's House this week. There is expected to be open house on February 20th. Other workers can be used as the house is placed in order for our children. A whole house devoted to our children! Everything modern. The surroundings attractive and sanitary! The best lesson materials! Prepared, capable, and consecrated teachers and workers. This is a partial description of the background for the beginning of a new period when our children move into the Children's House of the First Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis have headed up the works project at The Children's House. Those contributing work in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Davis include Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, Mr. Bowker, Donald L. Crouse, William Crouse, Mr. Trueblood, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shaffer. If you can, come and have a share in making the Children's House beautiful. **COME TO THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.**

THE MINISTER'S OFFICE AND CONSULTATION ROOM

The Woman's Council is providing the furniture to equip an office and consultation room for our minister. The official Board has given the "go sign" to this project, and the executive committee will complete final plans to the providing of a suitable place for the office and consultation room.

This is a much needed addition to make the work of the church effective. It had been hoped that this could be done in time to have open house for the minister's office and the Children's House on the same date, February 20th.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● A VISIT TO RURAL CHURCHES

Miss Hallie Strange, missionary to Mexico since 1931, describes a visit to our rural churches in the states of Aguascalientes and Zacatecas:

I left Aguascalientes early in the morning but soon got off the train at Pabellon where one of our pastors and his wife had come in to meet me. We visited the three families of our brethren in Pabellon, where we have no building or organized church, held a short service, organized the women's society, and received their promise to have weekly meetings for study and devotions.

In the afternoon we took a bus for Cosio. Not being on a railroad, Cosio is much more quiet and lifeless than Pabellon. We were received into the home of a very gracious, but very poor, widow where we stayed two nights. Mr. Silva preached each night. We formerly had an organized church here but they had ceased to meet. We visited all the families and they seemed glad to reorganize. The little church is well built and on the corner of the public square, right next door to the municipal offices.

The next morning one of the men of the church took us to the station in a wagon. We barely caught our train, and then barely got settled until we reached Berriozabel, where we got off to take a bus to Ojocalientes, the Silva's home. There is one evangelical family in Berriozabel and we visited them as we waited for the afternoon bus. After dinner, the good lady invited in some of her Catholic neighbors who were friendly and we had a short service. Mr. Silva plans to go back regularly to give these few isolated people the Good News.

In Ojocalientes we had services two nights in the home of one family, organized the women, and encouraged them to continue steadfast in their meetings in spite of persecution from the townspeople.

The next day we were taken in a wagon to Palmillas where the Silvas

stayed four days, and I eleven to conduct a vacation church school for the children, which proved very satisfactory. In the afternoons I visited, knitted and taught a few of the women to knit, or watched the children play the games I had taken along. They greatly enjoyed preparation for a short dramatization given the last night for which they had extra baths and were all slicked up to say their parts.

● A CHRISTIAN CAPTAIN

Bishop W. Y. Chen, head of the Methodist Church in West China, and secretary of the National Christian Council of China, is now in the United States for conferences with church leaders on the post-war Christian program in China. Just prior to leaving Chungking, he baptized Captain Chiang Wei-kuo, second son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and preached the sermon (which was broadcast internationally) at the "Double Tenth Service"—the Chinese independence holiday.

● THE FAULT'S IN THE HOMES

In its investigations, the juvenile delinquency commission of one city found that among girls, two-thirds of the cases coming to its attention were from 15 to 18 years of age. Among the boys, the ages ranged from 13 to 16 years.

Their conclusions were that the causes of delinquency could be traced to a breakdown in the home and lack of parental authority and responsibility. Among the contributing causes to the lack of parental authority were separation of parents, divorce, indifference, neglect, and indulgence. One 13-year-old boy, roaming the streets, was questioned concerning his parents, and replied that they were living together "but not for long."

With no incentive or encouragement to stay home, boys and girls take to the street where there are many things to attract their attention.

*Let America Hold Fast To The
Christian Ideals
On Which She
Was Founded*



in the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.

TO ABSENT YOURSELF FROM THE HOUSE OF GOD MAKES PREACHING LESS EFFECTIVE.

But preaching also equipped our hearts and minds for the world where we have to work and live. After adoration of God, fellowship with Christ about His Table, we are at the moment when we may be most in tune with God.

We are saying preaching is a continuous affair, Brother you are preaching when men see you at the shop. More vital grows the injunction. "Preach the word, be instant in season and out of season."

The church must be a preaching church. The minister and his people, according to their training, are Christian preachers.

MOBILIZATION PROGRAM STARTS FEBRUARY 14th.

Every family mobilized for the Church, this is the spirit of the program that is being launched by the Membership Division of our church.

According to this program every home will be visited and there will be a complete survey of the families represented in our church. In this new arrangement we want to know the talents of our members and where they would like to work, the place they would like in the active program of the church.

There is the desire to inform our membership of the fine days ahead for them in the church. Mr. Owen Vaught is heading up this program and is choosing capable leaders to assist him.

OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1944

Regular Offering	\$140.75
Missions	16.05
Building Fund40
Loose	14.26
Tidings	1.00
Thanksgiving10
Christmas24
Heat	3.75
Victory Shares	55.00
I am doing this Today	1.00
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	\$233.15

ILLNESS

Mrs. George Knott, 410 Elizabeth St., in St. Joseph Hospital, Room 459.

Mrs. Leo Miller is suffering from a throat infection.

Miss Harriett Treate is recovering in the Lutheran Hospital.

COMING EVENTS

A public dinner, sponsored by the Woman's Council, Friday, February 18th.

The Brotherhood Dinner, Sunday evening, February 27th.

The Colonial Tea, sponsored by the Ruth Circle, February 23rd.

Progressive Class Party, Sunday, February 13th.

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THE MINISTER - - - AND HIS PEOPLE

The Negro Spiritual, "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord, Standin' In The Need of Prayer," expresses the need that humanity will always experience and explains the power and precedence that preaching will have when it seeks to meet that need.

The Christian Church has always been a preaching church. One is amazed as he visits the temples of other religions to discover that there are no pulpits there, if he has always lived in a Christian community.

But the modern world has set obstacles in the path of the preacher. He is confronted with Sunday papers, movies, drug store windows filled with various brands of whiskies and wines. The modern world confronts the message of the minister with people seeking physical comforts, mechanical gadgets, autos, aeroplanes, and now, that we are in war, with a continuous volume of war news. Many are consumed with the desire to get rich quick, while work is so plentiful, wages so high, and some are even prejudiced against religion. Preaching in this modern day has more difficulties than that of a former day.

Yet there are advantages. Preaching that is unafraid deals with the truth. Preaching is concerned with life and is concerned with the human soul. The war has thrown humanity up against reality that has no meaning unless there is a Power higher than man. And there is need for religion.

Think for a moment. When the people assemble in a church like our church, he is preaching to himself. This is often true of the minister. This is true of the worshipper as he turns the message to his own need. But the people and the minister are also preaching to the world. This hard, cold world. They are preaching against the forces of evil, injustice, selfishness and darkness and are preaching with the minister the hope that lies

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STEPPING-UP PROGRAM

"They're off", seems the proper expression to describe the way the Mobilization Program has started. A governor over each zone, lieutenant governors over each district, every family visited, this partly portrays this plan to mobilize our membership.

The second part of the program depends on you, member and reader. The church needs your ideas, the church needs to know what you can do in this larger program for our church. What do you like to do? What talents do you have that might be available to the church? Who of your friends would you like to see in the church, as members?

Fortunately we do not have to assume that Christ our Master was loyal to the church. The sacred scriptures plainly tell us that Christ loved the Church and gave His Life for it. Fortunately we know that you love the church. We know of your confession of Christ and your commitment to him in baptism. It is therefore with confidence and high expectation that his mobilization was launched under the slogan, "Let us be first Christian this year."

Mr. Owen Vaught is heading this program, it is hoped by next week, all governors and lieutenant governors may be announced.

THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Our Children's House is becoming the "House Beautiful", under the work of more than two dozen men and women who have been donating their labor. The whole house has taken on a cheerful and colorful aspect that reminds one of children and children's smiles.

This new project has caused much comment in the community not only among our members but through the community generally. Few churches have the opportunity of having a house dedicated to the children, in the work of Christian nurture. Most children's departments are somehow more or less lost in the larger places occupied by those of the more mature group of a congregation.

Our children's house is to be equipped in a modern fashion under a larger program to give to our children the very best in religious education.

On the Sunday of "Open House" there will be a service of dedication in which the teachers of our children and the officers of the Church School will participate.

Teachers and officers of our church school have been pleased with the increase in our attendance at the Church School. However they are looking for a yet larger response to their program.

The Men's Class is meeting in the main sanctuary of the church. Mr. Dilts is the teacher. The lessons are interesting, informing and informal. Any man would enjoy and appreciate the time he spends here.

Support our Church School by being present Sunday. Bring Your Children with you that is the right way.

"HALF CHRISTIAN", is the subject of the sermon for Sunday morning. Our attendance continues to grow. Now is the time to invite your friends—now is the time to make a new contact for the church. Fill the sanctuary with worshippers. COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Share in the good music. Experience the uplift of our corporate worship and the sermons of our minister. Let nothing deter you this Sunday.

DOLLAR OR MORE CLUB

The Dollar or More Club is growing. Think through your giving. If you can do so, be a member of this club. The names of the club will be published it is hoped, in the last issue of the Tidings for February.

● BETTER RACE RELATIONS

Dr. Henry St. George Tucker president of the Federal Council of Churches has this counsel for Christians of our land:

"In these critical days of war abroad and group conflicts at home, we have come to realize how close to the surface is the spirit of mob violence. Our democracy is in the balance. Doubt is cast on the sincerity of Christians. We confess, individually and corporately, our failure to appreciate and understand all peoples as members of a common brotherhood. Where Jesus succeeded with ease and naturalness in such things, too often we have been awkward and insincere. Meanwhile, persons of differing languages, customs and complexions in our midst are suffering from unjust discriminations and unfair practices.

"Being sorry, however, is not enough. We want to do something to make amends and to straighten the way . . . Better race relations will come primarily from better personal relations. It is a question of man-to-man personal contact, firsthand experience, learning to work together."

● DR. WU RETURNS TO CHINA

Dr. Wu Yi-fang, president of Ginling College, located for the duration on the campus of West China Union University at Chengtu, is returning to China after six months in the United States. She says of Ginling:

"You have heard the story of our long trek to Chengtu, so you may be interested to hear more of how the College is actually run.

"We were fortunate to have found hospitality on the spacious and beautiful campus of West China Union University. There we were permitted the use of classrooms and allowed space in attics or basements for laboratories. For dormitories we built a simple building with a grant from the provincial government. I have seen double-decker beds in American colleges, but the double-deckers our girls use consist of

plain wooden frames and boards without springs or mattresses, and there are four girls in one room ten and a half feet square.

"Most of the girls are from occupied areas. Some of their families have moved into West China, but many remained in their native towns. The girls hear from home only occasionally and can receive very little financial support. The Government has granted a subsidy for their food and the College gives tuition scholarships.

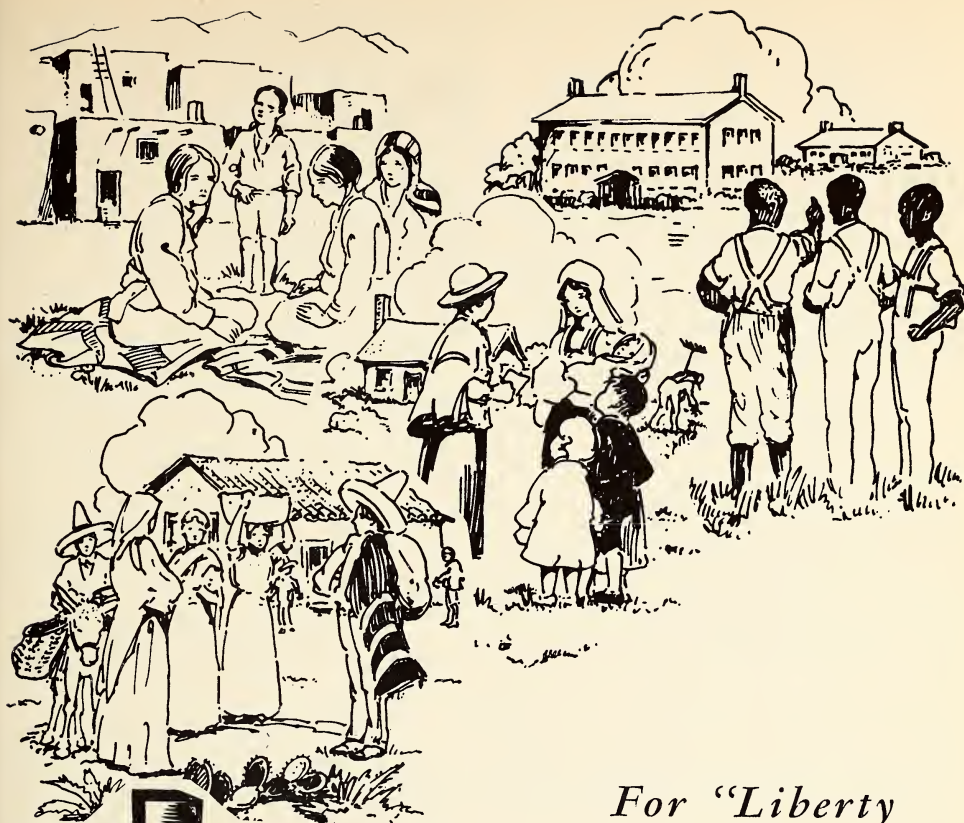
"In their everyday life they are not unmindful of the war, and they volunteer for community service . . . part-time teaching in schools for poor children, assisting in classes for illiterate women, and night classes for workers. They teach women home spinning . . . prepare first-aid packages. During vacation periods they join the Rural Service and Border Service Corps. . . .

"The common experience of suffering and of fighting for freedom for mankind has made us 'friends through tribulation.' With courage we carry on together this hard struggle and are confident of final victory and a new order for the world."

● A CHALLENGE

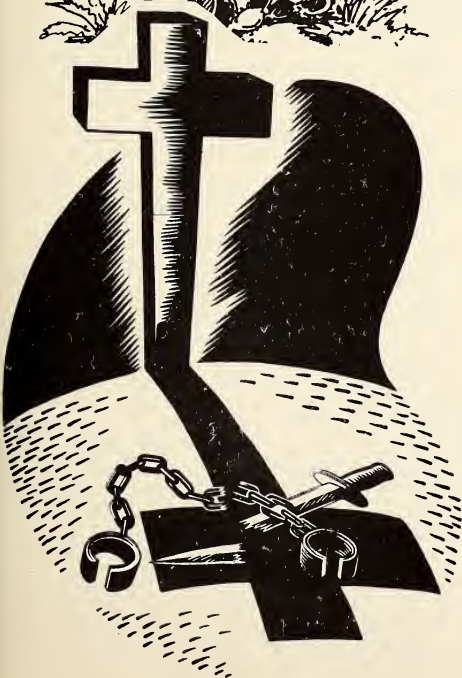
Said the Hon. Henry A. Wallace, Vice President of the United States, in an address on the **Importance of Religion in Future Planning**:

"Nazism as a name may die with the death of Hitler and the defeat of Germany. But Nazism as a force will live until human beings everywhere are willing and able to deal tolerantly and understandingly with their fellow human beings regardless of race or language or class. . . . The responsibility of the church and of government to the general welfare in the post-war period is a challenge of the greatest magnitude. On the capacity of the church and government to meet this challenge hangs the future of freedom, the future of scientific invention, the future of civilization itself."



*For "Liberty
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THE MINISTER - - - AND HIS PEOPLE

COUNSELLING

"Why do people go to the minister for counsel?" Should one hesitate to go to his minister when something is burdening his mind and heart? To those who have been to their minister in such time there are obvious answers to these questions.

Your minister is your friend. He is sympathetic. He has "no ax to grind." He wants to see you be and do your best. He will hold in strictest confidence whatever is entrusted to him.

But even more, your minister has studied and prepared himself for just such needs as you may have. He has studied the ministry of Jesus. With what helpfulness Jesus counselled with people who came to Him. How he delivered them from fear. He saw into the hearts of men and women and could say, "Go sin no more;" "Sell what thou hast and give it to the poor;" "Follow me"; "He that would be great, must be a servant". Power and blessing went out from him in such measure that he was called mighty counsellor, the great physician, the redeemer of men. Men and women need a firm hold on life.

Most modern ministers who have graduate degrees from our greater universities have had special training in counselling, under men who are authorities in the fields of psychology and psychiatry. Such a minister knows something about the mind and the emotions and their relation to the difficulties that people face. The capable, seasoned minister is not a fadist and will combine practical common sense and the tested findings of the expert on problems that are presented to him. The wise minister knows how far to go and does not deal with situations for which he is not qualified.

Further, the minister has a background of being with men and women under tensions, strains and deepest tragedies. He has learned under such situation the light that can overcome the shadows; the ointment that is able to heal the bruised and broken heart and that which can restore broken purposes.

Who comes to see the minister? Youth

looking toward the future with dreams in his eyes, with problems of school and job, and life work; sometimes thinking of marriage and home; sometimes they come when in deepest trouble. Who else comes? Those who are planning and building home life and seek the support that religion and friendship can bring. Those come who find tension in their social groups; those who have experienced disappointment in friendships; those who have lost their jobs; and sometimes those who are under the scourge of a bad habit. Some come because some sin is weighing them down; others come because some joy must be shared with their minister.

People come to their minister because he is the friend of people, seeking no fee, gladly giving his time and energy that he may share with Christ in the work of helping youth and age, men and women, to discover that "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

VICTORY TEA

Ruth Circle is sponsoring a Victory Tea, Wednesday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m. The program will consist of several musical selections and a Book Review by Mrs. A. C. Worley.

THE LAKODA CLASS

The Lakoda Class reports 100% attendance last Sunday morning. This is the second time this has occurred in the past two months.

THE WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Executive meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. The Program at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. John Davis will have the Devotions. Forum: "Disciples of Christ Health Commission", Leader, Mrs. Dilts. Special musical numbers by students from Mrs. Simmers Music School. Hostess, The Ruth Circle.

THE BUSINESS GIRLS GUILD

The regular meeting of the Guild will be Monday, February 14th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Miss Ernie Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class Party will be Sunday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. A special invitation is extended to all the new members. Refreshments will be served.

PUBLIC DINNER

The Woman's Council is sponsoring a public dinner Friday, February 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This dinner is by reservation only. Please call your friends. We are sure that there are a great many people who would be pleased to know about our dinner. Call in your reservations to the Church Office, mornings, or Mrs. Kimble, Harrison 35495; or, Mrs. Blair, Harrison 79192.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. J. Z. Berlein in the loss of her brother, Mr. Carl A. Ulrich.

To Mr. and Mrs. Merle Teeters and family in the passing of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Martha Teeters.

CONGRATULATIONS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Frost a son at Methodist Hospital, January 28th.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN IS A GREAT CHURCH

Seventy-three years of experience, in a state that is strong with Disciples, have produced a sturdy church. Now we are in days of great opportunity testing our real strength as we face a day of real opportunity for a church that carries the ideals that are dear to the heart of Christian America.

As we face his new day of victory and reconstruction, it is necessary that now we mobilize our church to its fullest strength.

Fine members from our church will call in our homes. These homes are made up of people who have confessed their faith and who have consecrated themselves in Christian obedience in baptism. We are to be asked to give information concerning our talents and our abilities. We want to know the number of children we have in our homes. We want to know whom we ought to invite to become members of the church. And isn't it true we want to know what each of us thinks the things that would be helpful.

This information will be tabulated and each of us will know about it. Our official will work it over and out of it a general policy will be formed that will be our policy and we shall begin to work this policy. **THE CHURCH NEEDS THE HELPFUL IDEAS OF EVERYONE.** Men and women are giving of their time. Let us give them a cordial welcome in our homes.

This is the way this will be done. There will be a governor over each Zone and under him will be lieutenant governors. These are the people who are making the calls. Do you know the zone you live in. Then pick out your governor. Zone No. 2, Harold Adams; Zone No. 3, Elmore Schlatter; Zone No. 5, John Davis; Zone No. 6, Ralph Richard and B. Leversy; Zone No. 8, Fred Wilson. Others will be announced in the next issue of the Tidings.

IN THE NAME OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES

\$10. for each one serving our country from our congregation is the goal that has been set for our congregation and for our Brotherhood. \$250,000. to aid our soldiers, in service and in prisons, our chaplains, the rehabilitation of the church in Europe when the war is over, to care for the refugees.

Many are choosing the person they wish to honor this way. Please notify the church secretary of your choice, so there may be no duplications.

Total of Gifts to be Announced at Family Night Dinner, February 27th.

A large number did not let the weather prevent them from enjoying the fellowship at the church last Sunday morning. And they were glad they came.

This is the time for bad weather. Whatever the weather is, plan to be at church next Sunday.

"TAKING IT OUT OF US" — Sermon

You will get good out of this sermon next Sunday. We are told that in addition to warming us the sun gives us vitamins. Well there are spiritual vitamins in the fellowship of Christians about the table of our Lord.

MAKE SUNDAY YOUR SUNDAY TO BE IN CHURCH. NOW ALSO IS THE TIME TO INVITE A GUEST.

Remember the Church School at 9:30 A.M. Bring the Children With You. That is the Right Way.

Make our slogan real by being first Christian this year.

● THE CHURCH ADVANCES

In the fifteen years between 1926 and 1941 the total church membership reported in the United States increased 25.5 per cent, while the estimated population increased 14.3 per cent. This gain is very evenly divided between the large Protestant bodies with 23.8 per cent gain and the Roman Catholic Church with 23.3 per cent.

Disciples of Christ are slightly under the average for the large Protestant bodies with a gain of 20.2 per cent in this period. The total church membership reported in 1926 was 1,377,595 and in 1941-42, 1,655,580.

On ten foreign fields Disciples of Christ report in the Year Book for 1942-43 a total church membership of 74,239, with more than 5,000 baptisms last year.

● CATACOMBS IN JAPAN

People who have been wondering what has become of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan's outstanding Christian leader, under the strain of war, will be interested in this report made public by the National Christian Council of India.

"Two thousand people attended evangelistic meetings conducted by Kagawa in Kyoto to celebrate the foundation of the Church of Japan. Many new decisions for Christ were made. Kagawa is now conducting a series of missions known as 'Catacomb Evangelism.' There is no public advertisement. Admission is by tickets sold through church groups. There is no lack of demand for tickets."

*THE CHRISTIAN WORLD,
London, England.*

THE CHURCH — A Living Witness

In its inherent ministry of mercy and relief the Church has an instrument of incalculable worth to help restore sanity, courage and hope to humanity which war has bruised and beaten unmercifully. By a living witness to Christ through deeds of mercy and help, and by coming to the rescue of imperiled ministers and missionaries, we are seeking to maintain that supra-national Christian fellowship which is our one best hope for the ultimate achievement of brotherhood and peace.

Disciples of Christ are urged to share in this world program through the War-Time Service Fund. Our ministry to men and women in their distraught and despairing condition today is a most effective training ground for world order. Hate must give way to reconciliation. Fear must give way to confidence. Despair must give way to courage. Apathy must give way to faith.

If our Christianity is ever to convince the world of its power, its merciful service must be freely offered to stricken mankind now.



*For Those
Who Suffer*



"I BELIEVE IN PRAYER.

I believe in it both because of my own experience and because of what I have seen and heard as a chaplain with our forces in the field. . . .

"Wishing isn't prayer. Neither is mere resignation to what you believe to be God's will. Prayer is a definite act of the mind—a gesture by which the human spirit seeks out the spirit of the universe. . . . Prayer is far less a thing 'asked for' than it is a thing 'done'—a reaching forth to link oneself to the source of celestial power."



—Wm. C. Taggart,
Chaplain, U. S. Army Air Force.

The Burden

Toyobiko Kagawa.

TAKE Thou the Burden, Lord;
I am exhausted with this heavy load.
My tired hands tremble,
And I stumble, stumble
Along the way.
Oh, lead with Thine unfailing arm
Again today.

Unless Thou lead me, Lord,
The road I journey on is all too hard.
Through trust in Thee alone
Can I go on.

Yet not for self alone
Thus do I groan:
My people's sorrows are the load
I bear.
Lord, hear my prayer—
May Thy strong hand
Strike off all chains
That load my well-loved land.
God, draw her close to Thee!

CHILDREN'S HOUSE CO-WORKERS

A loyal and efficient group of our church people have helped make our dream of a Children's House a reality. They have worked long and hard, had fun and achieved amazing results with paint, fresh draperies, etc. Those who have helped are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Crouse, Don Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Love, Mrs. Lynn Miller, Miss Jeanne Scott, Mr. Bundy, Merl and Heller, Arza Smith, Arthur Davis, Roy Barnett, Ralph Richards, Bert Leversee, Harold Bowker, E. Baker, Robert Truelove, Mrs. Veleta Geerken, Elmore Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold.

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THE MINISTER - - - AND HIS PEOPLE

Organizations are responding with goals for their groups up to June the 30th. The Progressive Class at their meeting set their goals. They set a goal of 50 for average attendance and 100 for Easter Sunday. They set a goal of 25 for the number of addition that should come from their class into the church. Their offerings for missionary purposes was set at \$110.00. This is most heartening. They are to study for three months beginning in April, the History of the Disciples of Christ.

Other organizations are working on these goals with the idea of really reaching them. When these have been handed into the office a total of the goals for the church will be announced.

The fine congregational singing of our church members has been noted. Our hymnal has many of the great hymns of the church. The minister appreciates the large number that join in the singing of these hymns.

Our congregation has enjoyed the guest soloists which have been singing our Offering each Sunday. We appreciate the fine loyalty of those that fill our choir loft.

The fine gifts that are being made to our church are no accidents. People give because they love the church and the great principles for which it stand and Jesus who is the head of the church. Many have been making gifts. Some have been sizeable gifts. This last week the church received a gift of \$450. **OUR CHURCH IS A GREAT CHURCH** because we have members who really love the Church.

ADDITIONS TO OUR SERVICE ROLL

John Clinton Varner, Co. 239, U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, Ill.

Cadlet Eris Smelser, S.N. 2548 Lakeview Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

DORCAS CLUB

Dorcas Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Gladys Moore, 3630 Alexander Ave., Thursday, February 24th, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Fern King, assistant hostess.

SICKNESS

Eugene Fitch is in the Methodist Hospital with pneumonia.

Mrs. M. W. Fitch is ill, at her home.

Mr. Judy has been confined to his home because of illness.

OFFERINGS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1944

Regular	\$674.00
Missions	13.00
Building Fund90
Loose	7.03
Tidings50
Children's House	17.00
Heat	2.00
Hearthstone10
I Am Doing This Today	1.00

Total\$715.53

LOYAL REAPERS CLASS

The Loyal Reapers Class will meet at the home of Mrs. John Leikaur, 1314 Marion St. Friday evening, February 25th. Mrs. Virginia Worren, Mrs. Blanche Scott, and Miss Hazel Swinehart will be hostesses.

VICTORY TEA

February 23rd, at 2:30 p.m., sponsored by Ruth Circle.

HAVE YOU BORROWED ANY DISHES?

The women of the church are requesting those who have borrowed church dishes or utensils to please return them before the Brotherhood dinner.

WORLD CALL

May we suggest that families wishing to subscribe for the World Call, please call Mrs. Charles Dare, World Call secretary, H-15005.

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"JESUS HAD COMPASSION"

The above is the theme of our Brotherhood dinner and our family night next Sunday evening. Mrs. J. C. Whitby, head of our social division and head of the Women's Council, will be in charge of the dinner. The dinner is to be a planned carry-in. It is simple; fill your dish and then come.

CHILDREN MAY COME

The Dorcas Society has appointed special persons to work out a program for our children. After dinner they will be invited to various places for a pleasant program while the adult program is in progress.

COMPASSION

Description of the devastations that have followed the "scorched earth policy", is beyond words of description. The destruction of great cities, villages and towns have left millions homeless and in deepest distress. Millions are in concentration camps and detention camps and prison camps; famine, disease, pestilence and death are to be found in the areas of falling bombs; orphaned missions and orphaned children must be cared for. In addition to the above our brotherhood through the committee of War Services has been endeavoring to aid in the emergencies that have arisen in the concentration of people in war production centers. Our brotherhood further has been endeavoring to care for the pensions of our chaplains in the army and navy.

HOW DISCIPLES WILL MEET NEEDS

First they will co-operate in the inter-denominational program for meeting the emergencies in Europe and China. Second special funds will be set aside for these other emergencies. Our method of securing sufficient funds is to honor our men and women in service.

THE LOCAL PLAN

Each will receive a card entitled "Humanity Hungers". We are earnestly urged to give ten dollars for each man we have in the service. That is if we have 60 men and women in the service, we are to give enough to honor each of these men, \$600.

Quite a number have already indicated their purpose of giving \$10. to honor particular people in service. We are indeed fortunate. Though no pressure is to be used, we can scarcely escape the feeling of this necessity.

THE PROGRAM

Sunday night Dr. A. C. Worly will preside, short addresses will be made by A. O. Schell, Mrs. C. F. Durfee and H. W. Sigris. The Worship program will be given by the Progressive Class. Singing will be led by Owen Vaught. Report on the mobilization program will be given. Other important announcements will be made. The young people will sit at a special table.

PLAN NOW

Decide what your share will be. Secure the Humanity Hungers card—place your amount in it and come to the family night prepared to enjoy this program.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Next week, according to plans will see our children in the CHILDREN'S HOUSE. Dedication services are planned for Sunday afternoon, March 5th. This will be followed by a short program, reception and open house. Mark this date on your calendar.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● MEXICO MISSION ADVANCES

Mr. Paul Kepple, one of our missionaries to Mexico, has been given responsibility among the rural churches, or those outside the cities of San Luis Potosi and Aguascalientes.

Especially is he giving attention to Pabellon, a town of about 1000 population, about 25 miles from Aguascalientes, where we have had no work heretofore. With a nucleus of three families who moved there last year, Mr. Kepple hopes to organize a church soon. It is his hope to be able to move to this community where he will be in closer touch with the ranchers and have more opportunity to carry on experimental farming and animal husbandry as he seeks to help raise the standard of living.

He is working also in Palmillas which last year put up an adobe church with the aid of funds from the Mission. The highway from Alaska to Panama will go through Palmillas and will be a boon to this area when it is finished.

● THANKS FROM JAMAICA

The Christian Churches of Jamaica express to the Christians of the United States their deep gratitude for the generous gift of \$6000.00 from Emergency Million for repairs to our churches and school buildings. We know this represents a real sacrifice on the part of thousands of you, our brethren. The Jamaicans are to match the gift with some real sacrificial giving of their own.

If you had ever tried to keep buildings in a tropical country in a state of repair, you would know what a gigantic task it is. Earthquakes, winds, floods, burning sun, damp, mouldy weather, termites. Something always decaying, moulding, cracking, splitting, tumbling.

We have many fine church and school buildings and good parsonages and teachers' cottages in Jamaica. This Emergency Million fund will be a life saver for them. They will look as if somebody cared.

—E. R. Moon

● A TRUE CHRISTIAN

A visitor from the Orient called at my study one day. I learned later that he was a wealthy young man who was taking a graduate course in one of our western universities, in order that he might equip himself to be of service to his countrymen. He was a Christian and was turning over in his mind the question of joining an American church.

"Do you experience racial discrimination in our churches?" I asked.

His face clouded as he replied. "Dc I? When I sit down they move away as if I were unclean, and I vow I shall never come back again?"

I cannot forget the change that came over him almost immediately as, with face now strangely radiant, he pointed up, and in his husky oriental accent added in lowered tones, "But when I think of Him, I cannot stay away."

—Paul Calvin Payne

● WITH THE MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Mills and family, and Miss Hallie Lemon arrived in Buenos Aires on January 9. Miss Lemon will join our Argentine Mission, and the Mills family will proceed to Asuncion where they have already served five years.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Rice, candidates for missionary service in India, have entered the School of Missions at Hartford, Connecticut. He has finished his internship in Indiana Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Miss Rossie Elizabeth McCaw and Miss Leila Callender, who were appointed to foreign missionary service in September, have gone to Medellin, Colombia, for language studies before taking up their work in Mexico and Paraguay.

Miss Marie Dayoan, working with Dr. Frank Laubach and his Literacy Committee in Jamaica, reports deep interest in the project among the teachers who will continue the work after the team leaves.



Extend The Kingdom

THE old world with its physical limitations is gone. Man has conquered the land, the sea, and the air. Unveiled before us rises a new world. The frontiers of this new world are not physical, but spiritual. This is the new world of men's dreams and for which men are dying. A new, brave world where God may be worshipped according to the dictates of conscience. A world free from fear. A world free from want. A world where men may live under governments of their own choosing. Where they may speak, think and live in freedom.

YET, such a dream is not possible aside from the lifting up of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with its faith in God, its belief in the sacredness of personality, and its gospel of the brotherhood of man.

WHO will assure this world of these priceless values except the Church with its Christian leadership?

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THE MINISTER - - - AND HIS PEOPLE

INDULGENCES

History has given this word no too bright a setting. Indulgences were sold. And we are told on good authority that because of these sales St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome was made possible.

Most of us know that indulgences are bad enough without making money off of them. Sometimes we are indulgent with our children to their hurt. Sometimes we are indulgent with our appetites to our sorrow in sickness.

We remember our temptation to give quick indulgence to our dis-appointments, our irritations. Our weariness, our states of health, our pre-occupations, our self-absorptions we indulge. When we meet our household, our neighbors and our brethern in all sorts of moods, and our spirits are in discord and we speak evil words, or rash, idle, or unkind thoughts to others. This is the wrong fashion for a Christian.

Even the psalmist felt this, "Set a watch,

O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my Lips." James sets the ideal, "If a man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body."

If you suffer an irritation, if you are piqued, suffer no indulgence of feeling or speech, let the graciousness of a Christian spirit master such feeling in the kindness of forgiveness and in the power of Christian peace.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

Friendly Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Mary McKinley, 501 W. Fourth St., Friday, March 3rd.

Woman's Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Wm. L. Hilbist, 328 W. Butler St., Tuesday, February 29th, 2:15 p.m.

PUBLIC LUNCHEON

The Ruth Circle will serve a public luncheon, Tuesday, March 7th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Price 55c.

LOYAL REAPERS CLASS

The aims to June of the Loyal Reapers Class. Benevolence \$5.00; Missions \$30.00; Assist in furnishing Children's House. Increase membership to 20; Entertain one or more groups and read one devotional book.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Esther Group will meet with Mrs. Myrtle Strout, 1924 Spy Run Ave., Wednesday, March 1st, at 2:00 p.m.

Martha Circle, Mrs. Sigrist, 2326 South Webster, Wednesday, March 1st.

Naomi Club, Mrs. H. Bailey, 1815 E. State St., Wednesday, Marst 1st, 1:00 o'clock.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Mrs. W. B. Shively and Family we wish to express our heartfelt sympathy at this time of sorrow and loss.

DOLLAR OR MORE PER WEEK CLUB

Below will be found the names of those who are giving one dollar or more per week to this church beginning with January. Dear reader are you not pleased with the large number of those who are taking their membership seriously? If you have not thought this through, won't you think it over and join if you can. If you and your family collectively give one dollar you are eligible for membership. Errors often slip in, if one has occurred and your name has been left out, please see the secretary and see that correction has been made. If you are able and can do it cheerfully give a dollar or more per week. Space does not permit a complete list in this issue, more names will be published next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Beck, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlein, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Broxon, Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coar, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Crouse, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Miss Ella Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilts, Mr. and Mrs. James Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame, Mrs. M. W. Fitch and Family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fusselman, Paul Garee in U. S. Army, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Miss Flo Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gorham, Mrs. Anna Hartshorn,

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CHILDREN'S HOUSE

DEDICATION — SUNDAY 3:00 P.M.

The dream of many in our church will come true on Sunday afternoon when the church will dedicate the large house adjoining the church to the religious education of our boys and girls.

Many Have Planned and Worked

Many have planned and worked to see this become a reality. The rooms of the building have been done over, new drapes are at the windows. This week the equipment from the church building is being placed in order and readiness for the opening next Sunday.

Sunday, 3:00 P.M. Open House

After the dedication of our Children's House Sunday afternoon there will be open house so the members of the church and friends may inspect this building. It is planned to have the orchestra present for special music. Teachers and officers will be present to conduct visitors through the house, and to explain its uses. A detailed announcement will be presented at the Sunday morning church service.

LENT

The observance of Lent among the Christian church dates back to the third and fourth centuries. The word Lent refers to the lengthening of days and also bears resemblance to the Latin word which means fasting. During the time of Irenaeus, the fasting was short, but severe; during the centuries Lent was lengthened to a period of forty days to correspond to the 40 day period, corresponding to the time our Master was tempted in the wilderness.

We may do what we wish during this period, but many who have used it as a period to strengthen their devotional life, to do special deeds of benevolence and charity, have testified to fresh and new spiritual strength coming, like the Spring, into their minds and hearts.

At least, during this period we may choose to read books on religious subjects, increase the library of our children with books that have a definite religious emphasis. Teachers of our boys and girls are hoping to have books to recommend to parents for their children.

At least, during this period we can make extra effort to be present at the Church School and at the morning worship service.

Make this period between now and Easter—this Lenten period a time when you will come to church in spite of anything else that might come up.

Minister's Sermon Sunday "What Makes The Church Run"

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Ruth Circle will serve a public luncheon Tuesday, March 7th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please make reservations with Mrs. Koegel, A-79025 or, Mrs. Wilson, H-74113. The Circle will have their business meeting following the luncheon.

Rachel Circle will meet Tuesday, March 7th, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 3916 S. Lafayette.

TWENTY-FIVE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

There are 25 soldiers and sailors who are without a sponsor to honor their names in this program to meet the War Emergency.

We just know there are 25 more people in our church who can give \$10 each and put our church over the top. Bring your money Sunday or call the office. The church is holding up the sending in of our boys' names until plenty of time has been given for each of you to do your part.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● GIVE YE THEM TO EAT

It was evening, following another busy day in the ministry of the Master, and the disciples came to him saying, "This is a desert place, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said unto them, "They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat."

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, and the "miracle" of the Emergency Million are past, yet humanity hungers. Across the highways of the world, barefoot, ragged, homeless, and hungry march the hosts of helpless humanity. The aged are stooping for a crust of bread, or a blade of grass. Millions have gone away from the Church, yet the Master said: "They need not go away; give ye them to eat." Humanity hungers.

The only thing for Christians to do is to give them to eat.

—John Forest Norman
First Christian Church
Galesburg, Illinois

IN ONE month last year a feeding station established for famine refugees fed 28,600 persons one meal as they passed through the city, and 30,032 persons 47,800 meals to those who were there for a longer period—a total of 58,632 persons aided in one month.

THE TOUCH OF HUMAN HANDS

The touch of human hands—
That is the boon we ask;
For groping, day by day
Along the stony way,
We need the comrade heart
That understands
And the warmth, the living warmth
Of human hands.

—Thomas Curtis Clark

● FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

The world is my home and all the people of the earth are my brothers. As long as people and society continue to destroy the sacredness of personality, I must work to create abundant life. As long as people suffer from discrimination, poverty, and tyranny I must live God's moral laws... As long as there are conflicts and tension, a world at war, I must give all diligence to promoting obedience to God's moral laws. I am a Christian.

—From A YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S CHARTER

● JARVIS STUDIES POULTRY

This year Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, has begun to enlarge her Department of Agriculture. For many years agriculture has been studied in a practical way only. With the addition of Mr. R. W. Coss to the faculty, there has been offered a course in Home Production of Poultry.

In addition to theory, the class has had several practical projects which call for visits to farms and poultry yards. The dressing and canning of chickens has been a part of the study, and the different breeds with their qualities as to meat and egg production.

Mr. Coss desires to stimulate the interest of his students in the farm program and with this beginning in poultry, hopes they will be better prepared to serve in the rebuilding of the war-torn nations as well as to provide their own food.



HUMANITY HUNGERS

IN BODY

AND

IN SOUL

I have more food than I can eat—
They faint with hunger in the street.

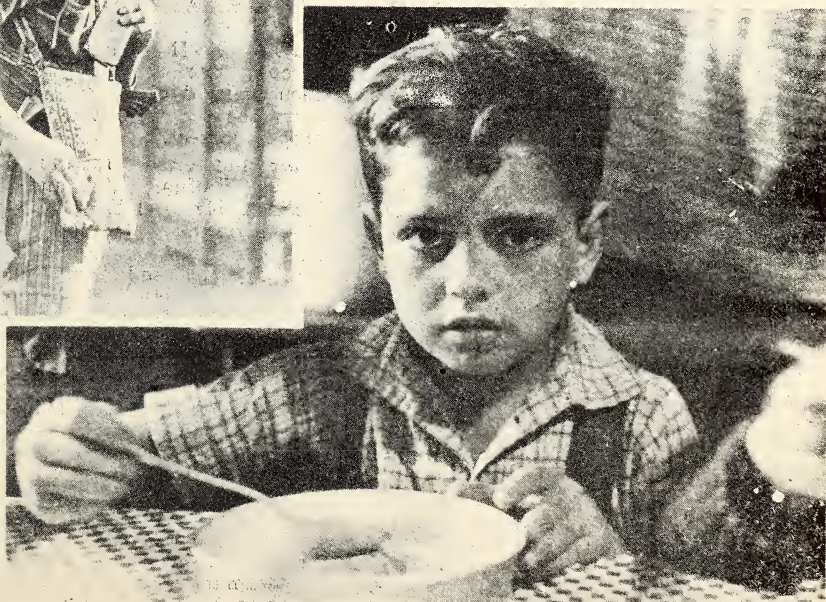
I have more clothes than I can wear—
Their heads, and hands, and feet are bare.

My walls are thick, and warm, and dry—
Their walls are rain, and wind, and sky.

My heart knows love of noble souls—
Their hearts are hungry, thirsty bowls.

These things let me remember when
Cries of the needy rise again.

—Alice Ferrin Henscy



CHURCH CLINIC

Dr. C. W. Longman, nationally known educator, known to our membership as the man who writes each week in the Front Rank under the caption of "The Clinic," will be our guest beginning the ninth and continuing over Sunday, March 12th.

He will want to meet each executive group and organization and on the 12th will speak to the church.

He comes with helps for every worker in the church. He will add much by his presence to the work and the effective operation of our great church.

Presidents and chairmen of the various organizations of our church will please get in touch with the secretary and arrange for appointments for themselves and for their organizations.

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HOW MUCH MONEY!

The money question is an important question. Until we have solved this question have we really solved the question of being a Christian? How much money should I give?

MY PLEASURE

We hope very few people ever reach the place where they find no pleasure in spending money or in giving money, and find their pleasure only in making money. The piling up of money can make one into a miser.

FEAR

There are those who through fear of the future, find their money a worry and a burden. Should they give anything away, they are under the spell of the fear of impoverished old age. As one man put it, "since a boy, when I was continuously impressed by my father with the necessity of saving, I have been under the fear that the poorhouse was just around the corner for me, and it has always hurt me to spend any money."

MORE BLESSED

How true the scriptures speak "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Giving thus, does not mean that one should not provide for old age. That is what you are doing if you do so. How many old saints are living happily their last days, in the memory of the good they have done through their gifts. TITHERS seem to have the enviable position for they assume that they are not giving when they give a tithe, but they are stewards of what already belongs to God. It may be easily observed that the happiest people in the church are the tithers. They have no feeling that people are after their money. They are finding the joy of putting their tithe where it will do the most good for God. The psalmist puts it this way—"I have been young, and now am I old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful."

CONSULTATION ROOM AND OFFICE AND ETC.

Plans are drawn for a consultation room for our minister, a church office, a committee room and a small prayer room.

Without much expense these necessary features of a modern church will be a realization. It is hoped that this may all be completed before Easter.

Those working on this program include W. C. Birkhold, chairman of the trustees; C. F. Durfee, chairman of the house committee; Wm. G. Harrod and H. W. Sigrist.

DOLLAR OR MORE CLUB (Continued)

It is with much satisfaction that we continue the list of those who are supporting our church by a dollar or more per week. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE A DOLLAR OR MORE PER WEEK, THINK THROUGH YOUR GIVING and join this club. If through clerical oversight your name has been omitted please call the office and inform the secretary that we may make the proper correction.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haddox, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cleo Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harrod, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kover,

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CHURCH CLINIC

Dr. C. W. Longman will be with us for a Church Clinic. We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Longman. He conducts only two church clinics a year, and this year our church is included. It is the plan to have every organization to go through the church clinic. The whole church will be surveyed and then we will have recommendations given us.

Dr. Longman is a church leader and educator that is nationally known in inter-denominational circles for achievement in the field of religious education and church administration. Every week his page appears in the Front Rank, our church school paper. He will be with us over Sunday, arriving Wednesday evening.

FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday Evening — Six Fifteen O'Clock

Again cover your dish and bring it to church with you Sunday evening and enjoy a fine program of fellowship and inspiration.

Dr. C. W. Longman, Speaker

The children Chorus will sing for us. Our Church School Orchestra will play for us, and the Friendly Class will furnish the worship program.

MR. GERALD H. MILLER, MINISTER OF MUSIC

Mr. Gerald H. Miller has been called to the position of minister of music of our church. He will begin his duties this Thursday evening and will direct the choir Sunday morning.

Mr. Miller was granted the Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Manchester College in 1937. He received a diploma in Sacred Music from Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago in 1935 and was assistant to Professor Alvin Brighthill, Bethany Seminary 1933-35. He was director of choirs in the First Church of the Brethren, in Chicago, 1932-35. He taught music in the Chester Township High School, North Manchester, 1937-43; and directed the choir at the Methodist Church North Manchester, 1942-43. Mr. Miller will expect much of us. We shall not disappoint him. **EVERY ONE WHO CAN SING PLEASE REPORT FOR PRACTICE.**

To Mr. Miller, we say; "A most cordial welcome."

LENT

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates — and men decay." Goldsmith was right when he wrote this. Our factories are full of men and women making money so fast that they act foolish while their children become delinquents.

The Lent season affords us much to give us pause. Do we appreciate our churches? Their doors are open will welcome. Too many of us are not thinking deeply. Our fathers built our churches and schools. They believed in God. They obeyed Christ. America is the land of many freedoms because of the teaching of these churches through the decades. Are we like ingrate children of wealthy parents? Do we squander what our forefathers obtained through toil, sweat and blood?

We hear of mothers who do not want their newly born babies. We hear of increased gambling. We hear of parents who force institutions to take their children. We hear of middle aged people tearing around, thinking they are having a good time. We know of hundreds of people who once obeyed their Lord and were baptized who seldom, if ever darken the church doors.

That is the way to silence the bells of our churches. That is the way to lose our four freedoms and all other freedoms we enjoy. That is the way to decay.

NOW IS LENT. Now is a fitting time for the church to repent. Now is a fitting time to call men from decay to life.

In a very real sense each church member can pull the rope and start the church bells ringing.

PASTOR'S CLASS

The pastor's class for youth will meet on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the church. Send your boy and girl of Junior or Intermediate ages to church Saturday morning to study the meaning of church membership. This is open to all youth and does not require that he immediately join the church.

● YOUTH IN TRAINING

Coming up to the season for young people's conferences, it is well to look over the record for last year. In spite of difficulties of transportation, the employment of youth, difficulties in finding camp and campus locations, as well as securing ration points for food, Disciples of Christ held 83 young people's conferences last summer with 7,550 attending. This is only 250 less than the year before when 94 conferences were held.

A partial report shows that over one hundred young people in these conferences dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service.

For intermediate boys and girls, last summer there were 53 Pioneer Camps and 3,127 campers. This is an increase of 18 in the number of camps and the attendance was more than doubled from the year before.

So the church continues its effort to reach young people of our day with Christian training.

● NEW MISSIONARIES FOR JAMAICA

Mr. and Mrs. Archie A. Allan of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, were presented to the board of trustees of the United Society on January 25 as missionaries to Jamaica. Upon approval by the board, they were appointed in a special service in Graham Chapel of Missions Building on January 26.

● HOME FOR FURLOUGH

Misses Edna Poole and Hattie Mitchell are at home for furlough from Africa.

From India have come Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander, who are retiring after thirty-five years of service there; Mr. and Mrs. Fay Livengood and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reynolds and family for furlough; and Birch Rambo, son of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Rambo, for study in the United States. He has completed high school in India.

● FOR NEGRO CHURCHES

Mr. C. L. Parks, pastor of the Boll Street Christian Church of Dallas, Texas, is the new general field worker among Negro churches. He succeeds Mr. R. H. Peoples who resigned some weeks ago.

In this position Mr. Parks will work with the Home Missions Division of the United Society, visiting the Negro churches and encouraging and helping them in every way possible.

● FAMINE RELIEF IN INDIA

All who shared in Emergency Million have shared in relief work in famine-stricken India. An amount of \$4000.00 was voted to be used for this emergency in India, and later it had to be augmented with funds from other sources as the rains proved insufficient to make a crop for this year.

Half of the funds sent to India are being administered through our schools and half through the churches. In the schools, the relief funds make it possible to receive more students, many of whom would starve if left in their homes. In the churches, relief is given to Christian families and others where the need is greatest.

Miss Leta May Brown of our girls' school at Pendra Road has translated the expression of thanks written by her girls when word was received that relief funds were on the way:

"Your gift in these difficult days gave us such joy as is beyond description. God has opened for us orphans in a most marvelous way a door of help. We will always remember your generous and worthy gift which is helping us in these days of high prices. The thanks that can be given to you for this help are indeed inadequate. We wish to cause you to have faith that the money which you are spending on us will not be in vain. The teaching being given us here will be of benefit all our lives. . . . May God prosper you folk and bless all of your work."

A Prayer for Today

O GOD, from whose almighty hand came forth a world of beauty and of wonders, for man a dwelling place where peace and joy might abide forever; how have we wrecked Thy plans, rejected Thy holy goodness. O Lord, we have sinned. We humbly implore Thy forgiveness.

When we survey the bountiful blessings bestowed upon our Church and our country through the years, we lift up our hearts and hands in thanksgiving. We know and confess it is all undeserved.

When we behold the ravages of war; when we see the fears, the sufferings, the anguish of those to whose homeland this devastation as come: we beseech Thee, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy upon a helpless, hopeless, floundering world. Have mercy upon the cruelly tortured people. Have mercy upon us.

When we follow our men called to the service of their country in the grim business of war, we pray Thee, Lord Jesus, be with them in their hours of danger and temptation, in times of pain and suffering. And to those who must go down in death, be Thou a light and a strong arm and buckler.

GOD, have mercy upon us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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BEAUTIFUL GIFT

The church is the recipient of a beautiful Heissie Glass punch bowl and twelve punch glasses to match. This was the gift of Weissel Baber of the Baber Jewelry store.

Those who attended the dedication and the reception at the Children's House Sunday will remember seeing this beautiful gift which was first used on this occasion.

This bowl and these glasses will play their part in the many social functions which occur at the church.

A SAILOR GIVES

Paul Garee, E. M. I. C. in the navy, did a beautiful thing the other day. He sent through his father a gift of fifty dollars for his church. This young man is serving on the high seas in the southwest Pacific for his country. Be he did not forget his church. Many of our church people know him. And many more recall his sainted mother, who passed away some years ago. Our hearts are warmed as we thank this young man for this expression of love and concern for his church. In his letter he expressed his concern for his father and brother. He said where he was located the average temperature is 120 degrees.

DOLLAR OR MORE CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, C. J. Kollman, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cruse, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richard, Mrs. C. F. Ellison and family, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Somers, Mrs. Gertrude Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Treace, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. George Weddle, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Weaver,

Because we have men and women who assume responsibilities a great future is ahead.



DR. C. W. LONGMAN

WELCOME

We cordially welcome into the church the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Walter LeRoy Smith, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Miss Mildred Bingham, Mrs. Irene Kissinger, Miss Henrietta Kissinger, Louis Kissinger, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Halleck, Mrs. Joseph Baxter, Miss Jean Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Smith, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Miss Mildred Bingham, Mrs. Maurice Halleck and Miss Jean Baxter were received by Baptism.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

We were grateful for the beautiful pot of primroses that graced our sanctuary on Sunday morning. It is hoped that each Sunday there may be those who wish to have flowers for the sanctuary. If you are giving these in memory of some beloved one, please notify the office by Thursday morning that mention may be made in the Sunday order of worship.

ILLNESS

Mr. Ansel Gaskill, 2214 Crescent Avenue.
Mr. J. E. Tracey, 2015 Frary in St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. Wm. Taylor, 1222 Delta Ave.
Mr. Vinton Cramer, 1017 College, Room 451, St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. George Coblentz, 1129 Kinnaird.
Mr. George Barbier, 3116 S. Calhoun.
Mrs. James Erwin, Harrison and Third Streets.

BUSINESS GIRLS GUILD

The Guild will meet with Miss Elaine Jones, 615½ Lawton Place, Monday, March 13th, at 8:00 p. m.

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SO WHAT!?

We have had a Church Clinic. It has been an unusual experience for all those who participated in any way. "So what?" the cynic may say, who believes that nothing good ever happens anyway. "So what?" may draw the sceptic who doubts if anyone will do anything about it? "So what shall we do?" may say the man who would do something, if he knew what to do. "So, what we do today will be a beginning of greater things", says the church worker who believes in planning and working out the plan. This last person expresses the feeling of many in this church. Our Clinic has shown us great possibilities. We are on the way to a greater, more effective and happier church.

RECRUITING

Our government is at a great task. Though it has the power to draft men, it is still recruiting. It would pay a church member interested in the things of the Kingdom to note how our Government recruits. First, there is shown a job to do. We are continuously reminded of the great country of which we are a part and our responsibility to it. Though our government takes our money in many ways, it continues to emphasize our responsibility in doing something personal to win.

The church has the greatest cause in the world. We must recruit additional forces. No nobler group of people in the world than those in the churches. But as our government depends on soldiers to recruit soldiers, sailors, marines, etc., so the most effective recruiting for the church is by the church member himself.

What have you done? Have you said, "some time I will ask someone to be a Christian"? At no time has our country needed the church as now. At no time do men and women need the church as they do now. Do something about it. Hundreds are more receptive now than ever before. Do not delay. Begin now.

GREAT DAY FOR SUNDAY**OUR MORTGAGE WILL BE BURNED**

At Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

Every member who can should be present Sunday. See this unusual event that for years and years was hardly expected to happen. It is true we are debt free.

Come enter into the ceremony—Join in the Singing—Listen to our minister preach.

Subject: — Living By Patterns

Come worship about the Table of our Lord. Be at church and receive a blessing.

LENT — A Time To Rethink Our Religion

We have just glimpses of what our Master thought in that period of great temptation. But we have enough to know that he was thinking through His life work. He was setting his life in a perspective that began and ended in God's love for man and man's responsibility to God.

ARE YOU AN INCIDENTAL CHRISTIAN?

Are you a Christian that manages to hit certain incidents off rightly or wrongly, but are not creatively living for God. Are you a Christian without a program for private devotions? Are you a Christian that puts the thought off for week ends, and then skips some of them?

Are you a Christian in your work, your business, your home and your life because, having committed your life to Christ, you are growing a Christian personality?

FIRST, CHRISTIAN

During this Lenten Season make your life First, Christian. Say, for the next few months I am going to read in my Bible on this subject. For these months, I am going to try to be effective in influencing others in the Christian way. For these months I am going to try to put meaning and purpose in my church. For this period I am going to worship really when I come to the worship service. For this period I shall give Christ a real chance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

How pleasantly flowers speak to us in the sanctuary. It is thoughtful in those who are sending flowers on Sunday.

● HOME MISSIONS ADVANCES

Yakima Indian Mission Assumes New Responsibility

The Welfare Department of the State of Washington has placed in the care of our Yakima Indian Christian Mission ten orphan Indian children who are dependent upon the state. Our Mission will be their home while they attend school in the nearby town of White Swan.

Mexican Institute Adds Worker

Miss Thelma Buhmiller of Washington, D. C., is a new worker with the Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, Texas. She is doing friendly home visitation and assists in the girls' club work.

Christian Japanese Active

Mr. K. Unoura, formerly pastor of our Japanese Christian Church at Los Angeles, now living at Rocky Ford, Colorado, has called in practically every Japanese home in a radius of thirty or forty miles, knows the background of each family and its hopes and plans, and it is felt he is rendering a very vital service in this area.

S. C. I. Accredited

At a recent meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges, our Junior College at Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, was accredited. Heretofore, the college because of its size has merely been approved, altho the high school has been accredited. Students may now enter senior colleges with credits from S. C. I. unquestioned.

Government approval for the erection of a new water tank has been secured. This will mean adequate fire protection as well as sufficient water for the campus buildings. A new barn is also being built and an old one repaired.

In the county where Southern Christian Institute is located, nearly four-fifths of the rural population is Negro, but our mission school provides the only high school for Negroes.

● COMMENCEMENT IN MEXICO

Our school, Colegio Ingles, at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, closed the year with commencement in the new auditorium of the state university. The school is wholly self-supporting, yet is able to offer sufficient scholarships to the poor to make it possible for any Protestant children to study there. This year, three of the graduates were boys who are preparing themselves for the ministry.

● LITERACY: A POST-WAR MUST

In Asia close to 90% of the people are illiterate; among the colored people of Africa, over 98%; and in Latin America seven out of every ten cannot read nor write.

Why this excitement about literacy? Because it is now seen to be the spearhead for the social and moral and spiritual uplift of the illiterate three-fifths of the human race. As soon as they learn to read their phonetics, we place in their hands papers and tracts with short sentences, easy words they always have spoken, telling them the answers to their deepest needs—about saving the lives of their babies, about malaria, blindness, intestinal diseases, sanitation, about cooking and selecting foods for health, about selecting seeds, destroying enemies to their animals and vegetables, about getting out of debt and keeping the laws; and about the principles of Christ.

Think what it will mean to these people and to their descendants if the Christians of America have enough humanity to help them out of their black sorrow! They are the easiest people on earth to win for Christ, if we prove our sincerity. They are amazed when educated people pay any attention to them. When we tell them we learned this from Christ, they love Him at once because they have seen Him in our actions.

We can have as many of these illiterate billion for Christ as we go after.

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OUR PEOPLE IN SERVICE HONORED

The following are the names of our people in Service who have been honored in the Emergency Humanity Hungers Program. A few names remain. If you have the desire to honor a name not here recorded, you may send your ten dollars to the Church Office.

The following have been honored by members of this church:

Dale Perkins, Edward Cremer (missing in action), Paul N. Broxon, Harold Childers, Thomas Hirschy, Hubert A. Tharp, Dean Reese, Paul Garee, Melvin Leykauf, H. J. Bishop, Lynn M. Miller, Miss Lois Drewett, Louis Curdes (missing in action), Kenneth Schell, Alan A. Sigrist, Wayne H. Imbody, William R. Miller, Wayne Tracey, Robert Winfield, Walter Clendenen, Robert J. Craig, James C. Koegel, James Hirschy, Jackson Binkley, John Clendenen, John Varner, Donald W. Miller, Edwin G. Geerken, Floyd E. Morrical, Robert E. Clipp, Kenneth Tracey, Maurice Tracey, George Koegel, Merle Morkoetter, Jr., Richard Borgman, Miss Eris Smelser, Richard Drewett, Jay Shively, Hugh Wilson, Clinton Keith, Maurice Siples, Philip Horn, Robert D. Finton, Raymond Finton, Homer Clendenen, Richard Teeters, William Howard, Russell Wilkin, Don Eyer.

FIRST THINK

Thoughtlessness and carelessness cause most accidents in our homes, says a survey of recent accidents. This survey continues, if people would think before they took chances, there would be fewer accidents, and many lives would be saved every year. For instance we wish to adjust a curtain, and we think the rocking chair won't rock for us. We were going to fix that step in the basement by painting the next one white, but we were careless about doing it.

We know we ought to bring our children to Sunday School. But we are careless about it. We thought our children were just naturally good, we were thoughtless in not talking to them about sacred things, they were our children and we knew they would act alright. Our church ought to grow. We were careless about asking our next door neighbor. Now it is too late. We knew we ought to do our share at the church but we were careless about it and now we regret it. "A penny wise and a pound foolish." "A stitch in time saves Nine." Trite are they? Well most of our troubles, most of our accidents are accidents are caused from thoughtlessness and carelessness.

INCOME TAX?

Did you notice that your government took it for granted that you would give 15%. You could have deducted this! Begin now for next year. What a grand feeling you will have when you know you are doing your share.

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RECOGNITION

Beginning in the first weeks in April the names, of those who have their pledges paid up for the first three months, will be published. When members keep their pledges paid up, they enable the church to pay bills promptly.

DO YOU SING?

What a delight it is to sing! So say those who have been longest in the choir. It is an inspiration and a delight to worshippers to have a choir that can lead and interpret religion through music.

Our Leader

Mr. Gerald Miller, our new leader, is anxious to assemble those who may make good additions to our corp of singers. His interest in religious music has deep foundations. This somewhat explains his ability to interpret music.

Our Opportunity

Now is our opportunity to back a fine musician in his sincere desire to have an adequate choir for our worship service. Most of us know someone who loves to sing. Speak to him or her and then do the further thing make a connection between them and our minister of music, Mr. Miller.

Choir Practice Thursday Evening

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Executive of the Woman's Council will meet at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21st, at the church. The General Council will follow with a program at 2:30 p.m. During the program motion pictures of other lands will be shown.

DOLLAR OR MORE CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW

Names omitted from our last list include: Mrs. Leo Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vesey.

Think it over. If you can give a dollar or more per week to the Church. Why don't you do so.

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WE ARE TO BLAME?

It is a mark of maturity when we accept our penalties. When we are able to say "We are to blame." But we have real manhood when we say "We are to blame, and we shall try to right it."

FOR LACK OF INTEREST?

If our church is not churchminded as it should be, let us face up to it and say "We are to blame." We have not put as much thought into it as we have in caring for our lawn, remodelling our house, adding modern conveniences to our homes. Look at our church. "Very few homes in our church whose house do not have a more attractive, a fresher appearance than our House of God." Is this so? May be we have not made our church home attractive enough. Maybe people looking at our church property think, "Well those people don't think much of religion, do they?" Maybe that is why many of our young people are not active in the church.

FOR THE SIZE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP?

We know our membership ought to be larger. Each of us can think of friends that should be members of this congregation. For some reason they are not. We have hesitated to ask them. Maybe we haven't even thought of asking them to become members. Of course we know that Christ gave the commission. Somehow we have in our mind that it was for missionaries, surely not for us. But when we think of it, we know it was for us. Or maybe we thought it was the preacher's job. But Jesus did not say, "you preachers, go to every person." It was disciples that were to go. And you and me are disciples. We simply haven't gone! We have squirmed out of it, thinking it was the elders or the deacons or the preacher's job. "Not my job." But it is. And when you take hold of that job, God will bless you. For that is real evangelism. Don't you remember how it was, "they went, every where, that is the church members, telling of Christ, and the church grew." We can do it again, can't we?

THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

This church is taking up its responsibility! We are to do our share to make this community, church minded. Things are already happening in this regard.

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS GROWING.

In a report at our youth meeting, it was shown that the evening group had tripled in size. This group will study chapels and equip a prayer chapel.

OUR EQUIPMENT IS BEING MODERNIZED

The minister is to have a consultation room and office. Here he will be available to those who have troubles, or problems and want the counsel of a Christian minister.

OUR CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Our children's house is functioning. In lovely quarters our children are having a new experience and our teachers have taken on new enthusiasm and interest.

MOBILIZATION PROGRAM

Our mobilization program is near completion. Every home in our church will have been visited and a personal invitation to attend church will have been given. Our visitors bring good reports.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● INTERNMENT CAMP

Miss Lois Anna Ely, our missionary to China since 1919, a Japanese prisoner in Shanghai since Pearl Harbor Day, and repatriated on the S. S. GRIPSHOLM last December, tells of her life in the Chapei Civil Assembly Center in Shanghai where she was interned for several months.

"On the day of internment, we made our way to the Columbia Country Club and from there started on our fifteen-minute bus ride to captivity. Chinese coolies were available to help with baggage that day; Chinese cooks were with us a week or so. Then both were gone for the duration and all camp work was ours. There was plenty of work: office, construction, kitchen, scullery, infirmary, school, garden, etc. Our camp had too many aged, infirm, and little children to make work anything but a problem. That and undernourishment were the peculiar problems of the Chapei camp.

"We were favored in being on a twelve-acre plot in the country with fertile fields round about. Only a barbed wire fence shut us in. Later a second was added, reducing by fifty feet our temptation to communicate with the outer world. We were given only one iron-bound rule: 'No communications with the outside.'

"The two buildings that housed us looked reasonably spacious that first day. They did not seem spacious when assembly was complete and 1,050 Americans, British and Dutch were crowded into them.

"Food was monotonous and inadequate even after we were allowed to supplement it somewhat with our own funds. We were perishing from lack of fresh things.

"We who have been repatriated will remember internment with many a chuckle, much affection, abounding gratitude that for us it is finished, and sympathetic prayers for all who are confined in internment camps around the world."



● EDUCATION FOR HEALTH

Health among the people of Congo is a matter of good luck rather than of care and precaution. The climate is very unhealthful. The soil is poor, wild foods are not plentiful. Disease is everywhere present. There is malaria, sleeping sickness, and leprosy. Hookworm infection is universal.

Ignorance as to the cause of disease is perhaps the greatest factor to overcome, and breaking their customs of black magic can be accomplished only by an educational program.

All of our mission hospitals are training boys as nurses, either formally or informally. The effectiveness of the work of these native nurses is told through the story of Wanjola, product from childhood of our Bolenge station where he received his hospital training under Dr. Barger, some years ago. Now he serves natives and white people alike on the neighboring plantation where he is employed as head nurse.

Wanjola practices the hygiene he preaches. His fine white unfilled teeth, a rare sight for a middle-aged person in Congo, are brushed twice daily with a homemade toothbrush. He drinks large quantities of boiled water. His diet is as far as possible a well-rounded one with a mixture of fish, meat, fruits, greens, fats, and starches. He prohibits no foods for superstitious reasons. He bathes regularly and does not smear his body with paint, ashes, or mud. Soap and water are used extensively at his dispensary.

His methods are a living lesson to the people whom he serves.

—Howard Horner, M. D.,
Wema.



GOD IS GOOD

OUR SYMPATHY

The sympathy of this church is extended to Mrs. Cremer and daughter in the final notice of the loss of Edward when the ship he was on was sunk in the Atlantic.

We report with sorrow the death of Mrs. W. C. Taylor, and our sympathy goes out to Mr. Taylor and to their son Billie who is in the navy somewhere in the Pacific. Mrs. Taylor was buried at Lebanon, Ind.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. G. C. Cahow in the loss of her father by death.

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Get your rummage together, then notify your group project chairman, church office or Mrs. Blair, H-79192.

Please save and send bags, paper and string.

VISITATION EVANGELISM.

BETWEEN NOW AND EASTER. Dozens of homes will be visited by workers of our church. These will give invitation of the church. There are hundreds of people in this community whose preference is for the Christian Church, there are hundreds of others who should be told of our church and its plea.

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING!

If you know someone who should come into the church, and you do, speak to them, also, turn in that name to the church.

THE INNER LIGHT

If you go by our church of an evening you will see the large windows lighted. This light goes on with the bulletin board. We may thank Mr. Joe Fitch for this touch to our church that has caused many comments from those who pass our church during the evening.

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SERMON SUBJECT

WHAT IS THAT TO US?

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PALM SUNDAY



COME TO CHURCH

"Heaven's gate is barred to him who comes alone—

Save, thou a soul—and thou shalt save thine own."

During Lent we surely have been moved as we read again the great passion of our Lord. As we recall the bravery that were his disciples as they thought through again their experience, and they prayed in the upper room. Then the transformation into heroic followers and leaders—those who could bring conviction to men.

IF THEY WERE HERE

If they were here would they not be doing much for Christ and the church. What a flame of zeal they could be today, with the telephone, transportation of trolley and by car.

We are preparing for Easter, what are you doing? There would be no need to encourage those early disciple. Nothing could have kept them from God's house. Will anything keep you away this year?

PALM SUNDAY

Some of our children will unite with the church this Sunday. They will be baptized. Some parents should join with their children. Palm Sunday is a beautiful day. It could be a triumphant day for many!

MANY ARE CALLING

Many of our members are calling in the homes of those who should unite with the church. They are doing fine work. God will bless them. Others should use this time to urge men and women, youth and age, who are outside the church, to make the greatest of all decisions.

Sermon

FACING TROUBLE

Hear this Palm Sunday Sermon.

SACRIFICIAL SUPPER SUNDAY EVENING.....7:30 o'clock

Every One is Invited.

Maundy Thursday

LORD'S SUPPER7:30 o'clock

This beautiful service will be a candle light service. Parts of the service date back to the second century. You will appreciate this service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

WATCH THE NEWSPAPERS FOR REPORTS OF THESE SERVICES.

Youth Group Sunday Evening 5:30 p.m.

Social Period — Light Supper — Good Program. All Young People Invited.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BANQUET AND ROUND-UP

Wednesday — 6:30 p.m.

Preparations are being made for a great Youth Banquet. Every High School Fellow and Girl Invited.

WILBUR ALLEN — basketball coach of the New Castle High School team, will be the speaker. He will bring a thrilling message.

Other features include music, group singing — not a dull moment.

A charge of 10c is being made to care for table decoration. The cost of the banquet is being met by the Church.

Good Food Good Fellowship Great Program

Don't miss the launching of a youth program for First Christian Church.



In early colonial times the Church in America consisted of a few small congregations on the Atlantic seaboard, numbering a membership of less than five per cent of the total population. Today the Church in America consists of some 245,000 local churches scattered everywhere across a broad continent, with approximately fifty per cent of the population claiming membership in some church.

This development over a period of approximately three hundred years did not happen by chance. Its story is the saga of Home Missions in America, a story of heroism, sacrifice, death, romance and victory.

The next three hundred years will not, of course, see a duplication of the events which have characterized Home Missions in the past, for the scene of American life is constantly changing, and each decade sees new problems arising, new opportunities for the Church to move forward.

War-time conditions of this year mean a constant adjustment for Home Missions. The new migrant populations bring a heavy responsibility on churches near industrial areas. Army camps challenge churches to greater service. Young men of college age are called into service, and they are replaced in our school dormitories by a larger number of girls than can be cared for. Pastors and leaders are in the armed forces. Rising costs of living affect every branch of the work.

Yet Home Missions moves forward, accepting the responsibilities, meeting the problems, looking to the time when America shall be truly Christian, not only in name but in action.

● THE CHURCH STILL LIVES

Repatriotes and letters on the Grips-holm brought word from the Philippines concerning the activities of the Christian Churches in the islands, now under Japanese military government.

Reports from eight or ten districts, representing different islands, give encouraging news. In Manila, Filipino pastors are preaching to congregations which crowd the buildings. Elsewhere, Christian worship and other functions of the church are carried on subject to the restrictions of war—such as the hardships under which the people live, the regulation of the Religious Section of the Japanese military government to the effect that each preacher must present the manuscript of each sermon before he preaches it, and the reduction in the number of persons available to serve in the church.

● A BUSY PLACE

The week's activities for All People's Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, are reported in a mimeographed sheet put out by the young people. Their names may be Spanish, Oriental, or Irish, but their enthusiasm is American.

On Monday nights at 7:00 there is a boys' club and a girls' club. There is a new Mother's Club just getting under way. There was football last fall, and now a basketball team is at work. There is a Drama Club, a Journalism Club, and a Good Citizens League.

Of course, on Sundays there is Sunday School at 10:00 and Worship service at 11:00; and every day there is the nursery and supervised play.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Genung, in charge, are missionaries in every sense of the word.



Hosanna

*All glory, laud and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.*

*Theodulph of Orleans,
Translated by John M. Neale.*



A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT HAD COME TO THE FEAST, WHEN THEY HEARD THAT JESUS WAS COMING TO JERUSALEM, TOOK THE BRANCHES OF THE PALM TREES, AND WENT FORTH TO MEET HIM, AND CRIED OUT, HOSANNA: BLESSED IS HE THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

John 12:12-13.

in these last days has spoken unto us in his son." Heb. 1:1-2. You smile at those who say that Jesus speaks to them when He tells of their giving the glass of water, but to the Jews when He tells us not to neglect tithing.

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SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Sacrificial Service, Palm Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Leader, Mrs. Charles Dare.
 Scripture, Psalms, 73:28, Mrs. Vaught.
 Special Music, Triangle Girls.
 Leader, Mrs. Charles Dare.
 Prayer, Mrs. J. C. Koegel.
 Hymn, "Open My Eyes."
 Scripture, John 6:66, Mrs. David Hogg.
 Leader, Mrs. Charles Dare.
 Scripture, I Samuel, 21:8, Mrs. Valetta Geerken.
 First Speaker, Rev. Robert T. Beck.
 Song, "Call For Reapers".
 Scripture, II Peter, 3:13-14, Mrs. N. Lehman.
 Second Speaker, Mrs. John Davis.
 Song, "O Zion Haste".
 Prayer, Mrs. J. H. Whitbey.
 Scripture, I John 4:20-21, Mrs. Charles Dilts.
 Leader, Mrs. Charles Dare.
 Offering.
 Song, "Follow The Gleam".
 Benediction.
 Mrs. Robert Scott, Pianist.

DORCAS CLUB

Dorcas Club will meet Thursday, April 6th at 2:00 p.m. with Mrs. Betty Gerrard, 2620 Central Drive.

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TITHING DOUBLES CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Surely Jesus wants me to pay the tenth, because brininging God's tithe averaging about \$40 per capita, together with offerings just about doubles church member attendance over that of non-tithers; and would give our brotherhood \$75 per capita annually for proclaiming the Gospel, instead of our present "Ladies-Aid-please-help-us" giving, of less than \$12.00 per capita!

If Jesus had not wanted me to bring His tenth for proclaiming the Joyful News, He would never have told me in the New Testament not to neglect tithing, oftener than He tells me not to neglect baptism and the sacred communion service. "Ye tithe this ye ought not to have left undone." Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:10-26; Luke 20:25.

Jesus thus spoke through the Jews to me and to the whole world; for we read, "God

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Easter Sunday

APRIL NINTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR

Sing soul of mine, this day of days.

The Lord is risen.

Toward the sunrising set thy face,

The Lord is risen.

Behold he giveth strength and grace;

For darkness, light; for mourning praise;

For sin, his holiness; for conflict, peace.

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day

Forget the tomb of yesterday,

For thou from bondage art set free;

Thou sharest in his victory

And life eternal is for thee,

Because the Lord is risen.

—Author Unknown.

SUNRISE SERVICE — 6:00 A. M. BREAKFAST FOLLOWS

Sponsored by the Youth

EASTER MEMORIAL SERVICE — BEAUTIFUL CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE
8:00 A. M.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 9:30 A. M. — CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Help Reach the Goals — Make A Special Offering

SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE — 10:30 O'CLOCK

SERMON: — EASTER, GOD'S PROCESS

Anthem by Choir Soloist, Mr. Owen Vaught

COME EARLY FOR A GOOD SEAT

YOUTH GROUP — 5:30 P. M.

Make Easter A Glorious Day Be in Church This Sunday.

Easter is equally glorious day to make Christian Commitments.

Ask your friend now to become a member. Several will

be received this Sunday. Easter is a day for

Great Decisions. Make this a great Day

For Christ and His Church.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY.

The Easter Message

Easter is the glad day of the year, the day whose dawn brings each year a message of hope and peace. In 1944 this message will be most welcome to the countless millions who, as never before, seek hope for a brighter, better life.

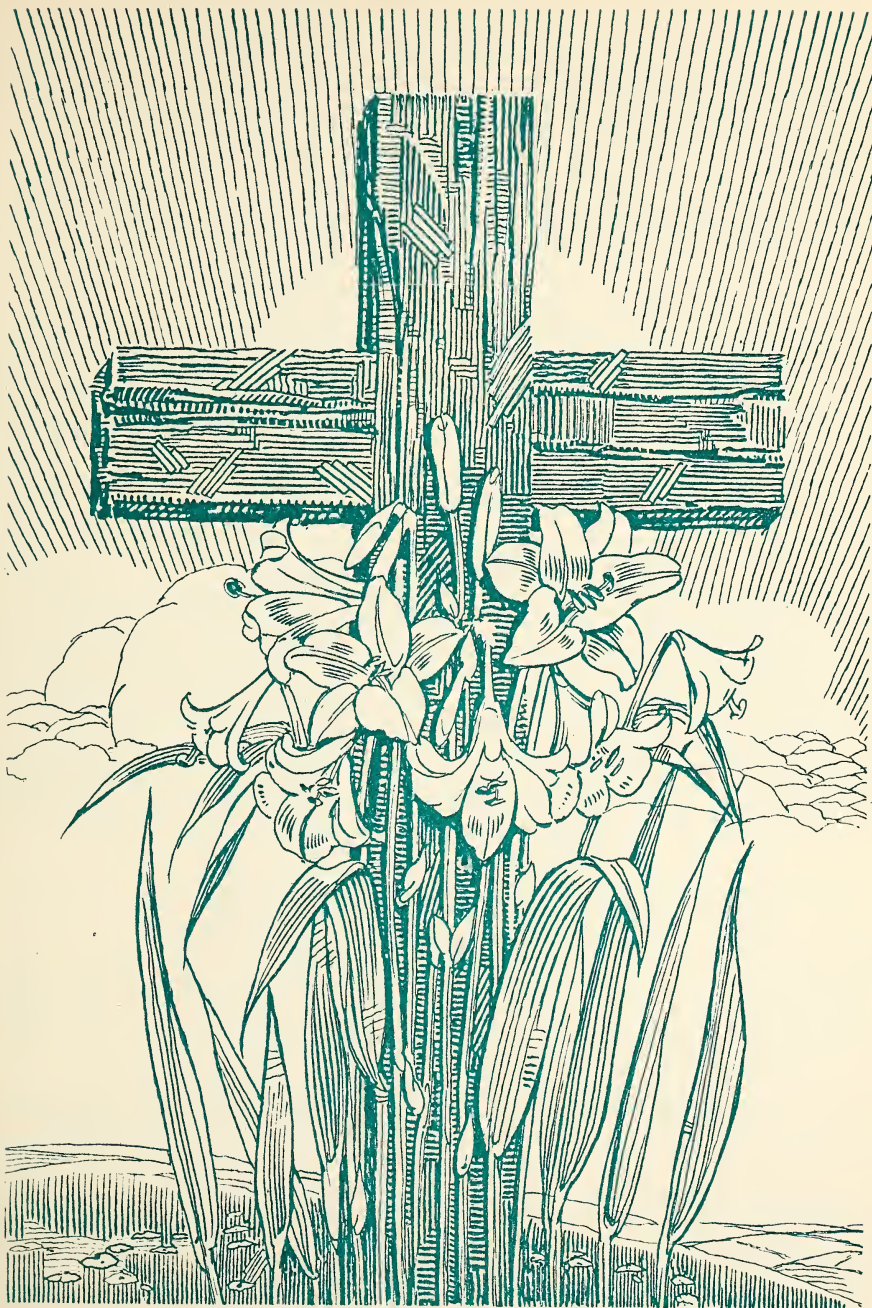
The rugged cross is symbolic of the suffering through which the world is passing. Destruction of life and of all that life holds dear has never been more wanton or more widespread. In many sections whole families have perished; others have been widely scattered, perhaps never to be reunited. Scarcely a home in these lands has been left untouched. The meaning of Calvary is clearer than ever before.

In the western world our suffering has been less, and our comprehension is correspondingly less. But here, too, we are encompassed in some measure by the world's woe. Death has extended its cold grasp from many far away places into American homes. Suffering and distress become increasingly apparent.

It is on such a world that Easter dawns this year, bringing once again the message that only the risen Christ can bring. Easter means that those who have slipped away from us are gone but for a season. Easter means that the dark days through which the world has been passing are to be superseded by the glorious days of the not distant future.

It was on that first Easter morning that the risen Christ pointed the way to a life that may be free from the horrors of war and the fears of death. If we are true to Him and obey his injunction, we shall indeed enjoy the peace of God that passeth all understanding. "Peace be unto you; as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Shall we not accept this divine commission? Thus a world distraught with grief and woe may come to be a world of peace and joy entering into the life everlasting.

—Robert M. Hopkins.



OTHERS IN SERVICE HONORED

Rev. S. J. Burgess, Chaplain in the Armed Services has been honored by several friends in the Church, through the Emergency Humanity Hungers Program.

DOLLAR OR MORE CLUB

We are glad to add these names to the Dollar or More Club. Watch this Club grow.
Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Welborn
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington
Mrs. J. H. Whitbey
Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley
Mr. Carl Wright
Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull
Mr. and Mrs. N. Yonkman
Mrs. Joseph Miller
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NOTES

Work has begun on building of a consultation room for our minister and a modern office for the secretary. This will give the church, in addition to the rooms above, two additional rooms for classes and committee meetings.

The young people are to make out of one of these rooms a beautiful chapel for worship and meditation.

Mr. Eugene E. Pierce has been unable to be at his office due to illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. His mother, Mrs. Stella Rigor, we learn, is also ill at Newcastle.

SICKNESS

Donna Leversee is ill with scarlet fever. We wish Donna the very best as she waits for this fever to leave.

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

Please notify office, phone E-2737, if you know of sickness or distress in our membership. This will obtain the quickest service.

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS

The Friendly Bible Class will meet Friday evening, April 14th, with Mrs. Charles Young, 1834 Sinclair street at 8:00 p.m.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. E. Schlatter, 926 Lake Ave., Wednesday, April 12th, at 2:00 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE

You will be interested to learn that the Rummage Sale of this last week netted the Woman's Council \$151.92. Mrs. Blair makes a fine chairman. Our next Sale will be in October. This is a worthwhile project. You can help by saving your rummage and at the proper time calling Mrs. Blair.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Easter lilies and flowers should be in the church by Saturday afternoon. Mrs. C. F. Durfee is in charge of arrangement.

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WE MUST WIN

Christmas gave birth to a great hope—Easter raised the curtain and revealed that Heaven is back of that great hope.

As great as is the hope, given us at Christmas time; as fully established as that hope is at Easter time; it can only remain a hope unless between Easter and Pentecost men are willing to consecrate themselves to action.

AMERICA

There was a dream in the hearts of men, that one day men could speak their thoughts as they chose; there was a hope that one day men might stroll the streets at night without fear; there was a prayer of hope that men could speak to God in his own church according to the dictates of his own conscience. That hope was a dream, a great dream. That dream, that hope and that prayer was written into the purposes of a new nation conceived in liberty and under God dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. That nation is America.

CAN IT LAST

Christmas was a hope with a promise; Easter a vindication; Pentecost was the fulfillment in the beginning of the church. But the life of that church, the fulfillment of that dream, that prayer rest afresh on each generation.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Because men, such as responded on Pentecost, have assumed responsibility, because men such as the Apostle Paul, Servetus, Francis Bacon, Alexander Campbell, Abraham Lincoln, walked their day without fear, we have our "Land of The Free." These men used spiritual weapons. Surely our way is plain.

We have gone through Lent and Easter. As a church can we also discern and accept the spiritual weapons. Whether our church remains a dream or becomes a great reality depends largely on what we do, metaphorically, and really, with the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost. We have a great example in the first disciples; they were steadfast, they grounded themselves in the great principles of Christ, they were prayerful. In a race against time that humanity is making, we must do our share. Then Onward, make the most of these days. Be unselfish. Make the Church great and save our nation.

FAMILY NIGHT SUNDAY

Reception of New Members

Certificates — Gifts and Keep-sakes, for our new members
Our minister will speak on, "Being At Home In The Church"
Every new member should be present.

Dinner 6:15 o'clock in the Evening 25c per Plate

Program in charge of the Youth of the Church

Miss Gayle Scott, president.

One Act Play to be given by Indiana University Extension Group

Devotions are to be in charge of Miss Jean Scott.

Special Music—

—Group Singing

Great Fellowship Circle Will be Formed including new members.

Children's Program

Miss Henrietta Kissinger, Miss Elsie Keith to be in charge of a program for the children following the dinner.

All Members Are Invited.

Come, Enjoy This Great Fellowship

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M. Sermon: "How Great Hours Come".

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY.

● WAR IS NO OBSTACLE

Missionaries returning on the **Grips-holm** brought word that the Nanking Theological Seminary, now in Shanghai (another section is being conducted in Free China), not only completed the Spring Term of 1943 and graduated eight students from all departments, but also reopened for the Fall Term of 1943 with an enrollment of between fifteen and twenty. About half were women. The Chinese faculty is intact. The last two foreign members were interned from February, 1943, to the time of their repatriation in September.

There are now only three theological schools of all grades in the occupied area of China and it is vitally important that this work go on, preparing at least a few men and women for leadership in the churches in occupied China. President Lee and his courageous staff deserve our prayers and continued interest. Their bodies may be emaciated because they cannot get food, but their spirits are still strong within them.

Disciples of Christ have part in the seminary by furnishing one staff member, Dr. C. H. Plopper, and a small grant toward current expenses, in normal times.

● EDUCATION BY MAIL

The launching of correspondence courses in religious education for the benefit of thousands of children and adults along the frontiers of Canada, has been announced by the United Church of Canada. Lessons will be mailed to individuals whose names are sent by missionaries, with directions for operating a home Sunday school. Quiz papers will be sent out each quarter and when returned to the headquarters of the United Church in Toronto, these will be reviewed and graded. The plan is projected on a Dominion-wide basis and already 6,000 applications for the service have been received.

● TO BUILD CHARACTER

"For every dollar spent on children, one thousand dollars are saved on jails and correctional institutions," believes Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of New York. "It is easier to build boys than to mend men. In the development of character there is no substitute for intensive religious education of the young. God-consciousness will prevent crime much more than will laws. Knowing God is more important than knowing courts."

IN A STRANGE LAND

One of our missionaries in Congo, on boarding a river boat en route to an ingathering of village teachers, found two other passengers sharing the ride with her. One was a Portugese trader and the other a Greek refugee. Says she, "I had heard that a shipload of the latter had been brought to the Belgian Congo but I had not seen any of them until then."

He traveled alone in a foreign land, speaking not a word of any language

his fellow travelers could understand, and carried not one article of baggage in a land where others carried with them everything required for living.

Surely, here was the 1944 version of the man who fell among thieves on the road to Jericho. How many had passed him by, we do not know, but the trader and the missionary divided their food with him and helped him on his way as best they could.



*"They shall come from
the east and west, and from
the north and south, and
shall sit down in the King-
dom of God."*

Luke 13:29.

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THE MINISTER - - - AND HIS PEOPLE

WHEN ASKED TO DO SOMETHING

These words do not apply to those whose membership in the church is rather tenuous, to those who can scarcely figure out how they became members, and whom the members cannot understand why they claim the church at all. This doesn't apply to those who have joined the church for ulterior reasons, such as, "it is respectable to be a member," "I want a decent funeral some day," "I like the people who go to that church," "I know no reason why I shouldn't join church." These are useless timber in the church, and are really a hindrance to the cause of Christ, and tend to make a farce out of religion, and serve as types for some of our so-called modern novels.

But for those of us, who really believe in God and love the church, we need to face up to what we shall say and do when someone asks us to do something in the church.

One response will come if we take a self-centered attitude. We will ask the question, "What will I get out of it." Perhaps you joined church to make sure your soul would be saved. If you did that, it is most likely that you will not feel inclined to do anymore than is absolutely essential either in doing anything or giving anything to the church. Your quick and first answer will be, "No, I don't believe I want to do that."

Another response will come if you have come to the conclusion that the church is a necessary thing, but not very important. If you think, "Well I like to go to church, but after all, one must look after himself, yes, after himself first. Self-preservation is the first law of life." Now, if that is your attitude, your answer is really discernable, "I am just too busy, you know I have these other engagements, there is my lodge, there are my clubs and there are our nights for the movies, and then there is that group we go around with,—O yes, I simply can't take on anything more, please excuse me."

There are other factors also,—Those whose decision will be based upon "who" asks them. Those whose reply will be based upon "how important a place they will occupy."

There will be those who have an interest, but it is the interest of the observer. All of these might be classed under the title "Luke-warm."

Thank God, there are others in the church. There are those who really want to do something for their Lord and Master. There are those who see the church as the greatest institution and the most important factor in building a decent and Godly society. They want to find a place. Like a recent new convert, they do not want you to loan them books, they want to buy books and inform themselves upon the office and opportunity of the church.

For those who know that as a part of the church they must function with others, if the church is to succeed. This questions, of doing something, is important.

We all know our talents. In our church we are asking people to register their interest and their talents, where they would like to work in the church. After we have done this, then comes the other essential, if we are working for God and his church we should do our best—we should make special study of the best way to do what we have to do. We can but pity those whose work in the church is a burden that evokes groanings. If you can work in the church, do it cheerfully, or don't do it at all, for only as you work cheerfully and happily and gratefully can you carry into your work the loving spirit of Christ. In all your answers, in all your doings carry out our slogan, "Be first, Christian."

OUR SICK

We report with concern that Miss Mildred Bingham is in St. Joseph Hospital after undergoing an operation. We have word that the operation was a success. Miss Bingham is one of our new members.

Miss Mildred Drewett, Robert Long Hospital, Indianapolis.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Mrs. O. S. Miller, 240 W. Douglas Ave., in the death of her husband.

TRAGEDY — OUR BUSINESS

We report our sorrow, our distress at the tragedy that occurred in our business district. This demonstrates how we are closely bound together, we are all connected with the needs or troubles of others. The weakness of the wall of a neighboring building would scarcely seem the concern of another firm, but so it was. The weakness of the character of a fellow citizen may scarcely seem our business, but it is, his life may fall in ruin and at the same time ruin other seemingly strong lives. "He that hath ears let him hear what the Spirit sayeth unto the churches."

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Woman's Council Executive will meet April 18th at 1:00 P.M. General meeting follows at 2:30 P.M. Mrs. A. L. Haddox will give a Book Report on our Study book, "For all of Life". Mrs. H. E. Greenwood will give readings. Mr. Fred Wilson will give the devotions and Rachel Circle is Hostess.

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THE A B C

We fool ourselves with protective coloring devices in order to keep our own respect. Here is a woman whose energy is being slowly consumed by a devitalizing disease. She put on make-up and is proud that she can cover the dark circles and the colorless tissue and bloodless complexion of her face. But that is not curing the disease.

Or take again our language. How evasive! It reeks with euphemisms that are intended to make our sins looks prettier. We say we have gone for a lark when we are giving up our moral principles. We call stealing "swiping" and cheating "cribbing", and a good deal when we deceive a customer in unwarranted prices. When we have been drunk we say we were quiffy. When we face the facts, when we get down to the A B C we realize that what we call peccadilloes in ourselves are black sins that have slain the innocents and have "hag ridden" humanity through the ages. To repent of sin is the beginning of vision.

THE A B C IN THE CHURCH

We fool ourselves with protective coloring in the church, to keep our self-respect. We call our lack of doing anything "lack of talent". How our vocabulary reeks in evasive terminology. We make merriment of being an Easter and Christmas church member. We say we don't want to get involved, when we are refusing to take on responsibility. We say we are overworked. We say we must work on Sunday, when many times if we pushed the issue, we could take off Sunday. We say we must catch up with other work. And all the time the truth is that we have not identified the church with importance. We have not believed that it is the most important. We have not troubled ourselves to learn as we should. As soon as we face the facts, we realize these evasions are sins, the sins that have brought ruin and disaster to generation after generation and have impaired and kept the church from carrying to conclusion the high commission given by Christ.

THE A B C IN US

To face our sins sincerely, to get on a basis of frankness with ourselves and with God, is the basis for renewal of life in a spiritual and moral advance in our church and community. When we see our own lack of Christian zeal and purpose and make personal repentance we have the beginning of vision for our church.

"WHERE ARE WE GOING?"

This will be the theme of our minister's message on next Sunday. He will discuss the place of the disciples of Christ in the life of today. Bring a guest with you on Sunday.

Many things are pointing to greater days in our church. Already the church has received into its membership 48 persons. More are to come. HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO ANYONE? What are you doing. New members will find great blessings if they will try to interest their friends.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

This Sunday classes will set their goal for Mother's Day and the observance of Family Week. Members may anticipate a great experience of Christian inspiration. Family Night will crown the observance of this week which begins on the second Sunday in May.

CHAPEL

The young people are working out plans for a beautiful, little chapel. This will be a fine asset to our church life.

A LITTLE CHURCH WINS A *Big Victory*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Dumas, Texas



The Pastor:
REV. J. P. McBETH
Dumas, Texas



REMEMBER!!

The Progressive Class Pot Luck, Sunday evening, April 30th, at 5:30. Table service, rolls, butter and coffee will be furnished.

WIVES OF SERVICE MEN

This club is planning to keep our men and women in service in vital touch with the church. This week a letter, a symposium of messages and interesting news, will be mailed to each one of our men and women in the service. A Table of Remembrance and an album containing the pictures of each will be placed in our sanctuary, a program that calls for an expenditure of \$300 is being worked out.

HONOR ROLL

The following have their pledges paid up for the first quarter. In addition to those reported last week. Keeping your pledges paid up to date enables the church to meet its responsibilities as they come due.

Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Emma Carles, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Miss Eunice Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coblentz, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, Miss Emma Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer, Mrs. C. E. Cremer, James Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Crouse, Mrs. C. E. Dare, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, Miss Emma Dorris, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Miss Ella Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilts, Martha Dilts, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mrs. Henry Ehle, Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Firestone, Mrs. M.W. Fitch and Family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Follis, Wanda Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frame, Mrs. Nettie Funk, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fusselman, Mrs. Elix Gagnon, Mrs. Edwin Gerken, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, Miss Flo Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gorham, Mrs. Anna Hartshorn, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haddox, James Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cleo Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Harrod, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hilbish, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Mrs. F. Hobbs, Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. H. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Hostman, Robert and William Shearer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Miss Elsie Keith, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kimble, Miss H. Kissinger, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. C. F. Kollman, Charles J. Kollman, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krall, Miss B. Lehman, Mrs. Louise Lacy, Mrs. H. M. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee, Miss Kathryn Leversee, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Love, Mrs. Emily Lowman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCarel, Miss Louise McGuire, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. N. McIntyre, Mrs. Mary McKinley, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Miss Lulu Michael, Mrs. J. L. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Miss Leah Miller, Mrs. Jessie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Morkoetter, Mrs. Lynn Miller, Mrs. N. Newland, Mrs. L. Nichols, Mrs. J. L. Nowells, Mrs. E. O'Dell, Mrs. M. Owen, Miss Ernie Owen, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, Mrs. A. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mrs. Louis Rhodes, Mrs. Jennie Rich, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Richard, Mrs. Jessie Richwine, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Riethmiller, Mrs. E. B. Riley, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Rousseau, Mrs. A. C. Ruby, Miss Edna Saxon, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schlatter, Mrs. Grace Schweikhart, Miss Jean Scott, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mr. and Mrs. K. Sefton, Miss Lorea Sheline, Mrs. Mae Sheline, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, Mrs. A. R. Shockey, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. H. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Somers, Mrs. J. W. Stamets, Miss Hazel Swinehart, Miss Ollie Swinehart, Mrs. J. M. Sutton, Mrs. L. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sweeney, Mrs. Merle Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. E. Treace, Miss Harriet Treace, Miss Violet Tipps, Mrs. F. S. VanAlstine, Mr. and Mrs. Willis VanAlstine, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vesey, Mrs. F. Virts, Mr. and Mrs. George Weddle, Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. J. H. Whitbey, Mrs. Paul Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. Carl Wright, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. N. Yonkman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. Dessie Stauffer, Mrs. F. H. Rogers.

Any omissions should be reported immediately to the Church Secretary.

The Tithing Test

J. P. MCBETH, *Pastor*
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Dumas, Texas

IN 1934, thousands of acres in the Texas Panhandle did not produce a weed; and had not produced any crop in four years. The first half of 1935 was the most serious period of the combined disaster of drouth and depression. The first Sunday in June, 1935, The First Baptist Church, Dumas, Texas, began tithing as a church. Our offerings had been averaging from \$18 to \$24 per Sunday. The first Sunday of the tithing, the offering leaped to \$64.00.

The church was revolutionized financially and spiritually. People began to come in larger crowds and in an enriched spirit. Souls were saved. Many were baptized. More room was needed.

In June, 1936, the bank deposits show that we had averaged \$70.87 per Sunday during the twelve months of tithing; that is, the church offering had increased about 300 per cent. From June, 1936 through 1940, the offering of the church averaged \$125.00 per Sunday—an increase of 500 per cent. The year of 1941 reveals a 25 per cent increase over the previous high years, or more than 600 per cent increase during the tithing years.

At the time we began the tithing movement, the church owed \$1,000.00, and the debt was so old that the church had paid \$800.00 in interest. We immediately began to pay off this indebtedness at the rate of \$125.00 per month. Within 15 months from the birth of our tithing test, we had paid off the total indebtedness of the church, had bought six city lots, and had erected a two story modern church building with 6,000 feet of floor space. When we finished the new building, we owed only \$750.00. The whole of our money came in tithes and offerings. Not one penny was solicited.

We now give more to missions than the total income of the church before the tithing movement. Our Sunday School has more than doubled, and the W. M. S. is five times as large. The church became powerful when her membership became surrendered.

Thus a two-fold task is proposed to us—to struggle unitedly against the fanatic expressions of bigotry and to wrestle with each other over the underlying sources of conflict.

—World Call.

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A DOUBLE TASK

By Henry P. Van Dusen*

In his striking historical survey, "Man and Society", Professor Sorokin piles up the evidence that, in time of crisis or catastrophe, both individuals and groups either rise to unprecedented heights of character and heroism or sink to heretofore untouched depths.

Just that is happening all over the world today.

There is no more vivid illustration than in the relations of diverse racial and religious groups. At the very moment when the most barbarous program in history attempts to exterminate an entire people throughout a continent, and its vicious virus threatens to spread in virulent contagion to this hemisphere, the leaders of previously antagonistic religious communions are drawing into closer fellowship for common action than at any date in Western history. This is happening in Holland and Germany and France and other Continental countries where Catholics and Protestants increasingly think and speak and act together, and where a principal united concern is protection of Jewish citizens. The first obligation upon champions of freedom from every faith is to stand shoulder to shoulder to scotch the demons of intolerance, prejudice and persecution wherever they raise their ugly heads.

But that is not enough. Behind every major type of racial or religious conflict, there lie genuine grounds of distrust. These must be faced, and talked and thought through, by those resolved to work together against intolerance. There will be no wholehearted cooperation between Protestants and Catholics so long as authoritative spokesmen of one church seek to deny to a minority of the other faith in some lands the equalities which they demand for themselves in lands where they themselves are the minority. There will be no secure foundation for inter-faith comity until these profound issues are met and mastered.

DEATH

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Clarence H. Lehneke. The sympathy of the Church is extended to Mr. Lehneke. Mr. and Mrs. Lehneke have been faithful members of this church.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Stamets is quite ill.

Sammy Sefton, 909 Archer, is confined to his home with scarlet fever.

Donna Leversee is now out of quarantine.

Mildred Bingham is now home from the hospital.

Mrs. Jennie Rich is much better and is recuperating.

Mr. Barbier is some improved.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Esther Circle will have a pot luck luncheon at noon, Wednesday, May 3rd, at the home of Mrs. N. Gorham, 1526 Boone.

The Naomi circle will meet with Mrs. Louis Rhodes, 836 Columbia Ave., Wednesday, May 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.

The Martha Circle will have their regular semi-annual birthday carry-in luncheon at the home of Mrs. Merland Heller, 3224 S. Broadway, Wednesday noon, May 3rd.

The Dorcas Circle will meet with Mrs. Esther Whitton, 608 E. Creighton Ave., Thursday, May 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

Rachel Circle will meet with Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3010 S. Lafayette, Tuesday, May 2nd, 2:00 p.m.

The Ruth Circle will meet with Mrs. Henry Ehle, 911 Park View, Tuesday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m.

RABBI DOPPELT

Will speak to friends and members of First Christian Church, Friday evening, May 8th, at 8:00 p.m., under the auspices of the Business Girls Guild. The members of the Guild urge your cooperation and attendance in making this a successful evening. Rabbi Doppelt is well worth hearing. Please make this meeting a MUST on your calendar.

NOTICE — USHERS

The Ushers will meet in the Upper Class room Sunday morning, April 30th, at 9:40 a.m. for a short conference with Rev. Beck.

LOYAL REAPERS CLASS

Will entertain the members of the Friendly Bible Class and the Ladies Bible Class at a pot luck supper Friday of this week at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Beck will speak and Mrs. Beck will review a book.

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HOW IS IT?

How does one account for the fact that the Christian Church, in the short span of a little over a century, has grown until it is ranked as the fifth religious communion (in size) in the United States, numbering now near two million members. In 1809 Thomas Campbell wrote his famous Declaration and Address. By the close of the Civil War, this group of people numbered 600,000. And now, about three quarters of a century later, it has more than tripled that size. In 1847 Henry Clay was able to write of Alexander Campbell as leader "of one of the most important and respectable religious communities in the United States."

WE ARE GROWING

It is in accord with the above, that we are glad to record that in four months we have received into our local church 57 new members. All, but seven, have been adults. The Christian Church is free from the bondage of many religious bodies. We have liberty. When some one asked Alexander Campbell, who a Christian is, he replied, "Everyone that believes in his heart that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the son of God; repents of his sins, and obeys him in all things according to his measure of knowledge of his will." Backed by great philosophical thinkers, such as Francis Bacon and John Locks, the disciples of Christ have thought of themselves as having gone beyond Protestantism in many respects. The notion of total hereditary depravity of human nature, the traditional conception of election and miraculous salvation by grace, were given up. The individual is asked to examine the evidence and make rational decision calmly and deliberately.

READY FOR MODERN WAYS

The empirical philosophy of John Locke makes good soil for the cultivation of the scientific spirit. This requires the having of evidence for what one believes. So the leader of our communion sought to discover the essentials of religion in the New Testament teaching, especially in reference to the condition of Church membership.

Like modern industry and leaders of modern progress, our people have been aggressive and progressive — awake to new ways and new means, leaders in education and in social improvement.

IT DEPENDS ON US

Easily it is seen, if we are to be brothers in spirit and in action we will naturally be sensitive to our possibilities. It behooves each member to seek out the names of those who might be interested in our own church. When you have names, report them immediately to the church office. Mr. Walter Birkhold, head of our Evangelism Committee, has a real program in operation. Help make our Church, First Christian in its desire to share with others the joys and benefits of our fellowship.

OUR MONEY

The period between Easter and Pentecost is a time to restudy our giving to the church. Many have increased their gifts. Do you feel you are doing what you should. Many can increase their gift to the church. If you can, do so this month.

SERMON SUBJECT SUNDAY

"Cashing In On Religion."

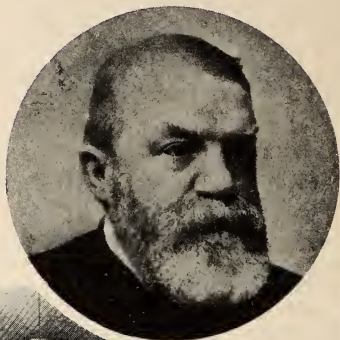
MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 14th

Let every Church School class make special effort to have one hundred percent attendance on that day.

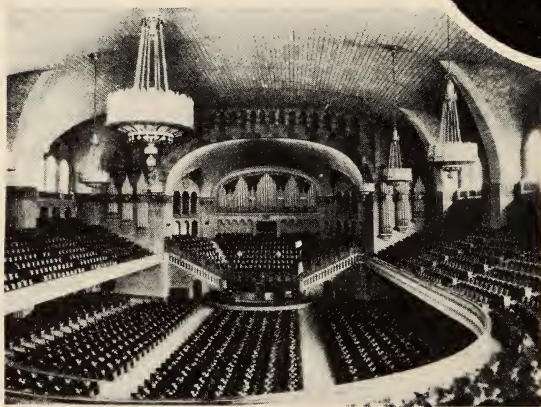
THIS CHURCH SUPPORTS *70 Foreign Missionaries*



THE MOODY MEMORIAL CHURCH
Dr. H. A. Ironside, *Pastor*
Chicago, Illinois

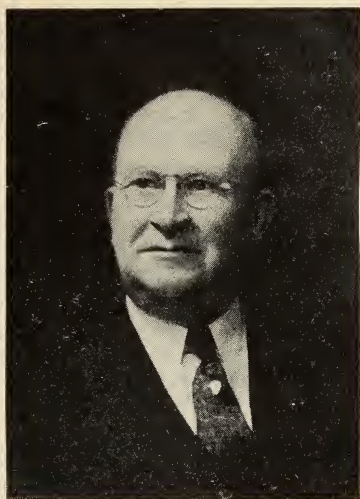


DWIGHT L. MOODY
Founder



Because the members of Moody Memorial Church have been taught the Scriptural way of supporting their church financially, this one congregation is now supporting seventy foreign missionaries around the world.

If Moody Memorial Church supports seventy missionaries, how many can our church support? The answer to this question depends upon YOU and upon your faithfulness in consecrating your pocketbook to the church of the Living God.



DR. H. A. IRONSIDE
Pastor

DR. IRONSIDE SPEAKS

WHILE we do not read anything of tithing in the epistles of the New Testament, we are very definitely instructed there concerning proportionate giving, and this involves, of necessity, some kind of a standard. It seems very clear that that standard was given in

the Old Testament even before the law, and afterwards incorporated in it, namely, that the tenth belongs to God. This was the least that a consistent child of God in Old Testament times could give. We are told in Romans 8 that the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. One could not, therefore, fulfill the righteousness of the law in regard to proportionate giving if he neglected to recognize the tenth as belonging to God. My own attitude is this: If I were a Jew living under law, I would have to give at least a tenth. Certainly as a Christian living under grace, I shall not do less than was required of a consistent Jew. The tenth, therefore, will be the minimum, and more according as God prospers me. Acting on this, our people in the Moody Church have been able during the years to maintain a great force of over seventy missionaries on the foreign field, and sustain the work here at home.

H. A. IRONSIDE.

ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON

The Federated Council of Church Women of this city will hold their Annual May Luncheon, Wednesday, May 10th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Salem Reformed Church, 821 S. Clinton St. The price of the luncheon will be 25c. Will the women please make reservations through their Group chairman.

CUSTODIAN

We are on the lookout for a custodian, one who will keep our buildings clean and beautiful. Is there any one among your acquaintances or friends whom you think might like to do this work. Please call Mr. Birkhold, E-1790 or Mr. Durfee, A-79024, or notify the office when you hear of any one. This matter is urgent. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

FOUND

There are two pairs of black kid gloves, one pair of navy blue silk gloves and a ladies' white scarf, which have been turned into the Office. Owners may have them upon claim.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

The Indiana Convention of the Disciples of Christ will be at Anderson, Monday through Wednesday, May 15th-17th. Bus rate, \$3.30 round trip. Buses leave Fort Wayne, 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. and return 10:30 and 12:30 p.m. Anyone anticipating going, please report to the Church Office.

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Speaking of the nationwide rise in juvenile delinquency since the beginning of the war, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover says: "Amidst this degradation and shame there is one ray of hope—the beckoning finger of God who long ago laid down the principles of family structure for us to follow. The churches of America now have a duty more vital than ever. Weekly religious devotion in God's honor is insufficient. His works should govern every action of parent and child alike. It is through his precepts that our homes can be restored to the tranquil path of freedom from crime. Religious, educational and civic institutions, combined with law enforcement agencies in a solid front, can go far in overcoming this menace; but home training is indispensable. Neglectful thoughtless parents, who fail to teach and discipline children, will inevitably be required to explain their reasons for neglect—their treason in the American home."

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IN OUR CONGREGATION

Mrs. Pricilla Johnson is in the Methodist hospital suffering from a fracture. Mrs. Johnson is 94 years old. She is taking her accident with a great deal of courage.

Mrs. J. G. Roper received a blood transfusion and is feeling much better at her home on South Broadway. Mrs. Roper has a continued interest in the church though she is confined to her bed.

Lieut. Thomas Watson received one of the highest decorations given by the government. Lieut Watson is located with our forces in Italy. Mrs. Watson is a loyal member of this church.

Word was received from Chaplain Arthur W. Lawver that Sgt. James Hirschey that he was at communion service on April 6th. He stated further that Sergeant Hirschey was "a big help in my work from time to time" and he spoke of Sergeant Hirschey's "faith and work."

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular meeting of the Official Board will be Friday, May 12th, at 7:45 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet this Friday, May 5th, at 7:45 p.m.

HONOR ROLL

Additional names of those who have paid up pledges to date are: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blair, Richard Haffner and Mr. Paul Garee.

DOLLAR CLUB

New members to the "Dollar or More Per Week Club": Miss Bernice Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayers.

RABBI DOPPELT

This is a correction. Rabbi Doppelt will speak Monday evening, May 8th, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Business Girls' Guild.

F i r s t C h r i s t i a n C h u r c h

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Mother's Day is a part of the observance of Family Week. If you have not done so heretofore, start daily worship in your home. Follow your prayers with a discussion of some subject and let it be done in a Christian spirit. These will make fine memories for all of you when the tides of time have washed many other things away from your recollections of the past. Make your home first, Christian.

Belmont Presbyterian Church, Roanoke,
Va., Challenges the Churches of America
to

*"Try God's
Plan"*

Pastor Whiteley
Tells the Story
of

Belmont



BELMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. G. L. Whiteley, *Pastor*
Roanoke, Virginia

BELMONT has a membership of 352 active members, with a total membership of about 425. This membership is made up of the great middle class of men and women who are the backbone of our nation, with neither demoralizing poverty nor delusive wealth.

"In 1932-33, on account of lack of work, this church found itself in a serious financial condition. In 1929 a new church was built at a cost of \$30,000, with a debt of \$15,000. In August, 1933, there began to spread in the congregation a spirit of defeat. Some were saying, 'We cannot carry on, and our debt is too heavy.' The pastor would not admit that it could not be done, and from the pulpit one Sunday morning spoke of the destructive pessimism that was creeping into the church. He said that before we say we cannot carry on, let's find out our ability. To find out approximately the financial strength of the congregation, the people were asked to designate on a slip of paper with no name signed to it, their weekly income, and drop this in the offering plate when passed. The congregation entered into the sugges-

tion with a fine spirit and the figures turned in showed that the average weekly income of the people who were working was \$18. Then a careful study of the church roll showed that 137 people had definite incomes. This number was further studied and it was found that of this number about seventeen could not be depended on to do their part, leaving 120 dependable members with an average weekly income of \$18, or a total weekly income of \$2,160.

"Calling the twenty-seven officers together this plan was presented for their consideration and adoption or rejection. Quite a heated debate followed, with the result that all the officers signed a pledge to do it except two, one being away and the other having no work. The deacons were told that if the officers would sign up to tithe for fifteen weeks, the pastor himself would personally call on the 120 members and present this plan, but if the officers refused to sign, he would not ask the congregation to do it, as the officers were to lead the congregation and set an example. The congregation was called on by the pastor and 118 of the wage-earners signed to bring their 'tithe' into the church. The period decided on was September 17-December 24, 1933. Formerly the offerings had averaged \$50 a week, but when the new plan started, on September 17 the offering was \$173; on September 24 it was \$228. The largest offering was \$450.

"At the end of the fifteen weeks the people who had been saying, 'We cannot carry on,' had paid \$2,626 and had wiped out all the deficit, ending 1933 with all bills paid.

"A congregational meeting was held at the regular morning worship to hear what these people would say about their experience in 'tithing.' The pastor was compelled to limit these testimonials to one-half a minute. Men who said at the first of the campaign, 'I do not believe in tithing and cannot afford to do it,' stood up and said, 'I have had a wonderful experience, and have met my obligations easier and lived better since I have been using God's plan for my money, and as long as God gives me any kind of an income I am going to pay Him the tenth.' As a result, when Belmont made her Every Member Canvass for 1934, she over-subscribed her budget \$2,000. To date the weekly offerings of the congregation are more than doubled, almost three times what they were a year ago."

Question: If the Belmont Presbyterian Church can enjoy such a victory, why cannot we do likewise in our church? If the Belmont members are happy in their giving, why cannot we taste of this joyous experience ourselves right here in our own church?

HAVING TROUBLE?

Are you confronted with a difficulty as to what you ought to give to the church? Well here is the way your fellow members are doing it.

1. Some are tithers. And we should say that they are happy about it, among the happiest in our church.

2. Three (3) members are giving five dollars or more per week to the church.

3. We have a member who is giving four dollars (\$4.) per week to the church.

4. We have six members who give \$2.50 or more to the church.

5. We have ten who give \$2.00 or more per week.

6. We have nine who give \$1.25 or more a week to the church.

7. We have 77 additional who give a dollar or more per week.

It is plain to see that we have a way over a hundred of our families that are giving a dollar or more per week to the church.

Maybe you haven't thought enough about your giving to the church? Among our best givers are young women who are not making more than twenty-five dollars per week. One doesn't have to be making money in the high four figures to give liberally. In order to give sizable amounts to the church, first, you must love the church; Second, you must want to give it. It is recommended cordially that you give the sum that will make you happiest.

May we warn you not to give in the Nicodemus manner, that is so no one may know what you are doing. People, who are in love, want other people to know it. The bride is happy to show her rings, gifts from her husband. Christ said "let your light shine." Don't hide your giving under a bushel. For it may be unconsciously you know you aren't giving enough. Give and let the world know that you love your church.

OUR MOTHERS

O magical word, may it never die from the lips that love to speak it,
Nor melt away from the trusting hearts that even would break to keep it.
Was there ever a name that lived like thine! Will there ever be another?
The angels have reared in heaven a shrine to the holy name of Mother.

—Author Unknown.

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BIRTHDAY

Rev. Mr. E. W. Allen has a birthday May 21st. Mr. Allen is a patient in St. Joseph Hospital. And calls or cards during the week of the 21st will be greatly appreciated.

POSTPONED

The Woman's Council meeting day has been postponed until Tuesday, May 23rd.

MAY DAY BREAKFAST

The Annual May Day Breakfast will be Tuesday, May 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. The Breakfast will be in lieu of the regular General Council meeting. The program: Invocation, Rev. Beck. Welcoming New Members, Mrs. Beck. Devotions, Mrs. Sentman. Book Review, Mrs. Haddox. Soloist, Mrs. Edwin Milligan. Benediction.

CUSTODIAN

We are still looking for a custodian. Do you know of any one who might be interested in this work? Call Mr. Durfee, A-79024, Mr. Birkhold, E-1790 or the Church Office, E-2737.

CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. L. E. Sentman is our Cradle Roll Secretary. Please report new babies to Mrs. Sentman or call the Church Office.

Mary Lucile Moses is a recent member of the Cradle Roll.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Ella King, 328 W. DeWald.
Miss Ella Dyer, 328 W. DeWald.

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A CHAPEL FOR PRAYER

In the next few weeks there will be opened in our church a chapel for prayer. It will be located in the room now occupied by our church secretary. This chapel will have a beautiful floor of asbestos tile. A beautiful worship center is being provided. Velour drapes will give an added touch of warmth. A lectern will be provided for a copy of the scripture.

In addition to providing a meeting place for a class, a place of worship for small groups to pray before entering into their program, this will be during the day—a place of quiet, a retreat where members or others may come for a time of prayer and meditation. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE GOD'S HOUSE A HOUSE OF PRAYER, at all times.

A CONSULTATION ROOM

Strange as it may seem, the minister of the church has not had a room for his own work, where he could meet those who wish conferences or who wish to consult the minister about church or personal matters. This room is being rapidly prepared. The room has been painted a soft green color. The floors are a near coral color, a green rug will cover the floor. Florescent light will make the room pleasant for conferences. The Women's Council are providing desk, chairs, and other equipment to make the minister's office inviting and beautiful.

THE CHURCH OFFICE

Adjoining the minister's office will be the secretary's office. Here will be kept the church files, and the general church office equipment. Mrs. Owen Vaught has recently purchased a modern secretary's chair for the large desk in the church office.

THE COMMITTEE ROOM

Adjoining the church office, also, is a large committee room. The room was made possible by removing the old stairway. There is a beautiful art window of colored glass in this room. It is hoped that a nice rug, a large table and comfortable chairs may be provided in this room which can be used by executive groups, committees, as well as a class room on Sunday morning.

THE CHURCH THOUGHTFUL

The four lovely rooms express a thoughtfulness in our official organization. As a business concern, a hospital have their building arranged for greatest service, so our church is rearranging its space for better service. These inviting rooms will afford quarters where First Christian will have a better opportunity to express its mission.

FINANCES

All this has come at a cost. The finance division wishes to pay as we go and keep our church well out of debt. So they are to present before the membership a plan to care for this improvement, for the cleaning of the organ, and for the repairs for our furnaces. The organ has not been cleaned in 15 years. The accumulation of dust in these years, makes some of the notes weaker than others. The repair on the furnace may call for a new fire bowl. These expenses come in beyond the regular budget that was set up by the committee. The membership is asked to consider these improvements and to arrange, if possible, to individually share in covering the cost. The trustees have done their best to make every dollar count. They feel these items necessarily fit in with the advanced program which the church is planning.

SERMON SUBJECT:1....."HOW CAN ONE PRAY"

Nothing Pays SAYS THIS GREAT TEXAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



DR. L. N. D. WELLS
*Pastor of East Dallas
Christian Church*
Dallas, Texas



EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Dallas, Texas

DR. WELLS, the pastor, says:

"For years we have been preaching tithing in the East Dallas Christian Church. We have been persistent and insistent in the teaching. For years we have been distributing carefully selected literature, at least once a month. Our tithing groups have grown.

A year ago last November, we called Mr. L. O. Leet from a successful pastorate in Texarkana to become Minister of Stewardship in East Dallas Church. Schedules were arranged by which he visited each group in this institution once a quarter. His teaching was all on "Stewardship," with tithing as the beginning place. Tithers were signed up, and cards were turned over to our business manager who secured a definite pledge in every case.

At the end of 1940, we approached the annual church meeting showing all bills paid and a balance of approximately \$1,000.00 in the treasury. At the end of February, 1941, we had \$3,500.00 cash in the treasury and all bills paid.

We have about 300 tithers. Some time ago our financial records were checked and fifty-seven tithers (none of them wealthy, most of them in moderate circumstances), were found to be giving more than the rest of the entire church of 3,400 members combined."

THE MINISTER . . . AND HIS PEOPLE

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WOMAN'S COUNCIL MAY DAY BREAKFAST

Will be at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 23rd. Mrs. Beck will give the welcoming to new members address; Mrs. Sentman will give the devotions; Mrs. Haddox will give a book review and Mrs. Edwin Milligan will be the guest soloist.

LOYAL REAPERS

Miss Flo Gilmore and Mrs. Stella Binkley will be hostesses to the Loyal Reapers Class at their home at 1006 Taylor Street, on the evening of May 26th.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES—1944

For the Adults of Our Church

LABORATORY SCHOOLS

(Adult leaders of children)

Logansport, Ninth Street Christian Church—June 4-10.

Elnora (Rural Church Workers Only)
June 18-24.

ADULT CONFERENCE

Oakwood Park, Syracuse on Lake Wawasee—July 1-7.

PIONEER CAMPS

(Boys and Girls 12-14 years)

McCormicks Creek State Park, Spencer
—June 25-29.

For the Youth of Our Church

Merom Institute, Merom—July 9-13.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

(Youth 15-24 years)

Northern, Syracuse—June 11-17.

Eastern, Camp Wehi, Pershing—June 11-17.

Bethany, High School, Brooklyn—July 9-15.

Bethany, High School and Older, Brooklyn—July 16-22.

Bethany, Town and Country, Brooklyn
—August 6-12.

Southern, Bishop Roberts Park, Mitchell
—August 13-19.

When a minister received a letter of kindly interest, and sincere good wishes from a former minister, naturally the present incumbent starts to thinking of his obligations to the past. He is glad former ministers have been appreciated and that their good wishes follow their work.

A minister realizes that the former minister was here when the baby died in one of the dear homes of his parish. He understands that the George and Charlie were brought out their bad ways into wholesome living and church membership and no wonder the former minister is mentioned when he is breaking bread in that home. He appreciates the understanding ministry of his predecessor in time of sickness, death, and in times of unusual sorrow. And he rejoices as his parishioners tell him of these things. And The minister knows if he is faithful, efficient, and understanding in a few years these same people will be talking in somewhat the same vein about him.

On the other hand, the minister hears of the mistakes of his predecessors. If these are given kindly and in a way to guide, he, the present minister, may appreciate them. But if these criticisms are given in a spirit of animosity, if he is told how inferior his predecessor is, if what is said is said in a disparaging fashion, the minister may well have the fear that some day they will be talking the same way about him. The thoughtful minister immediately wants to change the subject. No good minister wants to hear gossip, hurtful gossip, of a former brother minister.

But when a minister receives a cordial letter from a former minister, his heart is rejoiced as he learns lovely things of his membership from a man who was once their shepherd.

BAKE SALE

The Dorcas Club will have a bake and candy sale at the Washington Street entrance of Wolf & Dessauer's, Saturday, May 27th, at 11:00 o'clock.

FAMILY NIGHT

The Esther group will have charge of arrangements for the Family Night Potluck dinner, Sunday, May 28th, at 6:00 P.M. Rolls, butter and coffee will be furnished.

FOUND

A pair of rust colored gloves. Owner please inquire at the Church Office.

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FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday—May 28th—6:00 P.M.

BOOK REVIEW

MRS. J. J. FARWELL of the First Baptist Church will present a book review at our family night. Mrs. Farwell is president of the Federated Church Women of this city. "The Burma Surgeon," by Dr. Seagrave, is the book that is to be reviewed. This promises to be a most interesting evening for our church people.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In addition to the book review the evening will be high-lighted by special music by Mr. Glenn R. Miller, who will bring several numbers.

Group singing will be another feature.

DEVOTIONS

The devotions of the evening will be given by the LOYAL REAPERS CLASS.

DINNER

The Esther group of the Women's Council will have charge of the arrangements for the evening. Spring flowers will deck the table that will be arranged for a potluck dinner. Rolls, butter and coffee will be furnished. A special table will be arranged for the children, and following the dinner a program for children will be conducted in the social rooms on the first floor.

NEW MEMBERS

New members will be officially received at this family night.

Come to Family Night, and bring the family with you!

WE WILL DO IT, FIRST CHRISTIAN WAY

WE WILL KEEP CHURCH DEBT FREE

The finance division has added the cost of the improvements in providing prayer room, consultation room, church office and committee room, repairing furnaces, cleaning organ and the total is around \$1,400.

The organ has not been cleaned in 15 years, and the dust accumulation is effecting the tone quality of the organ. Each of the hundreds of pipes must be taken out, dusted, the whole of the organ will be rennovated and tuned. This will cost \$300. The repairing and replacing of parts on our furnaces will cost between \$250 and \$300. The balance is the cost of the remodeling. Our trustees have put in hours trying to get all of this at the lowest possible figure.

This is printed so every member will know just exactly what is being done and where the money is going. Our budget does not cover these items. Therefore this appeal is being made.

Already responses are coming in that are heartening, that speak of the love our members have for their church, and speak of the approval that members give to a forward-looking program. The church is in receipt of a gift from one of the trustees in the sum of \$100. This man believes they have done their best. But other gifts, large and small, are needed. We must have many gifts of five and ten dollars. Do your part. Keep our church debt free.

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

Sermon—WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO TO CHURCH?

This Memorial Day sermon will be of special interest to our membership as our church is viewed in relation to our responsibility as citizens.

Special music will enrich the worship service. Come to Church—Services at 10:30 a.m.

This *Minister of Stewardship* Speaks

NOTE: Mr. Leet served as Minister of Stewardship one year in the East Dallas Christian Church, Dallas, Texas.

His work was so highly successful that many other churches began to call for his specialized service and as a result he now devotes full time to "Stewardship Evangelism."

His teaching of this long neglected doctrine of sharing our money with the Lord and His church has worked what seems like a miracle in many churches throughout the Lone Star State.



REV. L. O. LEET
Minister of Stewardship
Dallas, Texas

Hear What Mr. Leet Says:

WHEN CHURCH MEMBERS BECOME CHRISTIAN

"Christ's Kingdom will be brought when church members become Christian. Selfishness is the sin of the world and the practice of most church members.

Can a selfish man be saved? The New Testament says not. Selfishness must go!

Can a man be a Christian who does not give as much as a tithe? (The Master teaches that we must render a faithful stewardship of our Time, Talents, and Money.) Have you ever met a genuine Christian steward who had not passed through the door of Tithing? Can a man love the Lord and give less than the Tenth? Tithing will make church members Christian and bring the Kingdom in."

Read These Telegrams

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Cleburne, Texas
February 24, 1941

Closed victorious stewardship crusade with L. O. Leet today. Eighty-nine signed stewardship covenant, 81 new tithers, 74 tithers in local congregation.

REV. H. E. STEELE.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dallas, Texas
November 11, 1940

House packed to hear Leet in spite of rain. Signed 195 tithers, eight from other churches. Fifty-two old tithers, 135 new tithers, making grand total of 187 in Greenville Avenue Church. Greatest meeting ever held in our church

REV. A. PAUL DAUGHERTY.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Detroit, Michigan
December 9, 1940

Twelve days stewardship crusade at Central Woodward splendidly led by L. O. Leet resulted in 24 additions to church. Eleven by confession. Two hundred and fifty tithers signed. Forty-nine old, 190 new. Leet's work basic, constructive and inspiring.

DR. EDGAR DEWITT JONES.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Borger, Texas
April 21, 1941

Twenty-nine additions; 168 new tithers, 20 old. Brother Leet inscribed himself and message in hearts of all.

REV. WALLACE JONES.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Floyddada, Texas
December 23, 1940

Revival with Rev. Leet unique experience. Every department of church revived. Results very remarkable and beyond expectations. Eighty-nine tithers signed, including ten old tithers. Sixty per cent of tithers were adults. We owe our many thanks to you and Brother Leet.

J. C. WESTER, *Chairman Board.*

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Houston, Texas
April 6, 1941

Two hundred and twenty-seven signed stewardship covenant. Twenty old tithers. Two hundred and seven new. Nineteen additions. A victorious crusade.

REV. THURMAN MORGAN.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Houston, Texas
May 5, 1941

Closed L. O. Leet meeting tonight. Three hundred and twenty-six signed tithers, 91 old tithers, 235 new tithers. Eighteen added, eight by confession. One thousand and ninety-eight in Bible School; only highest words for splendid far-reaching ministry of L. O. Leet. Herald of a new day for Christian Stewardship.

REV. HARRY KNOWLES.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Houston, Texas
March 23

One hundred and six signed stewardship covenant. Eight old tithers, 98 new. Nine additions. Leet's program definitely educative. Evangelism has constructive lasting qualities.

REV. CARTER E. BOREN.

PATRICK HENRY,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dallas, Texas

Leet's crusade at Preston Road Church, Dallas, resulted in great good to the church. Messages inspirational and constructive. One hundred and three signed Stewardship Covenant card at final service on Sunday morning. Five old and 98 new. Crowd equal to Easter.

REV. PATRICK HENRY, JR.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday School is the church at study. Classes for every age await the membership. Strengthen the church by being a part of our educational program. Church School.....9:30 a.m.

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OUR CUSTODIAN

Beginning Monday the church will have a full time janitor. Mr. Floyd Boschet comes to our church with around fifteen years' experience in looking after public buildings. He comes with unusual endorsements and recommendations. He has a fine record for keeping churches clean and in good repair. Many of the necessary repairs will be made by our new custodian.

IN A FEW DAYS

In a few days the minister and the church secretary will be located in their new quarters. In these times of labor shortage, it has not been an easy task to make these necessary changes. However they are now done, and many will come to appreciate these changes as they work in the church.

Open house and dedicatory services will be announced in the near future.

OUR BOARD IN ACTION

In a well thought out presentation, the chairman of the Official Board, A. O. Schell, laid out a plan whereby the church is to have a long range program. Each department is to set up goal and programs for years in advance. Each year is to have its particular aims and directions. From these reports that are to be submitted at the next meeting, there is to be planned a total church program. Then the Board and the membership of the church will go into definite action. Look ahead for further announcements.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle will meet on Thursday, June 1st, at the home of Mrs. L. H. Maines, 3510 Portage Ave., at 2 o'clock.

WORD FROM ENGLAND! THANKS!

England,
May 16, 1944.

Dear Rev. Beck:

Lately I have been receiving the "Tidings" and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being so kind in mailing it to us boys. Occasionally I notice an article entitled the "Dollar Club". In the future, at the beginning of each month I shall send a money order for five dollars with which to pay my dues. I would like to send more but most of my money already goes to children's work and child evangelism. If in the future I have a few spare dollars and send it along with the original amount, please accept it and put it to work for the Lord.

I remain,

Your friend in Christ,
Sgt. James W. Hirschy.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Woman's Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Mary Barnett, 1308 E. Wayne St., Thursday, June 1st, 2:00 p.m.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Kenneth Miller (nee Wilda Click) is a patient in Room 280 Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. J. G. Roper, 3134 S. Broadway.

Mr. George Barbier, 3116 S. Calhoun Street.

Mr. William Coblentz, 1129 Kinnaird Avenue.

Mrs. Emma Carles, 526 Dayton Avenue, patient in Lutheran Hospital, hall bed, 2nd floor.

Mrs. J. W. Stamets, 526 Dayton Avenue, patient in Lutheran Hospital, Room 404.

NEW MEMBERS TO THE DOLLAR OR MORE A WEEK CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan.

Mr and Mrs Wilbur Anders

Mrs. Charles Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Young.

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YOUTH RECOGNITION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

How proud we are of our young people these days. Graduation takes on added significance this year among our high schools. Many of the young men will be required to enter the armed forces. We find ourselves talking about our youth as we have never done before.

It is hoped that we have learned our lesson and that we will more gladly share them to the world in the cause of the church and peaceful pursuits. Immediately following this war, and even now there is an urgent call for youth to give their lives in the world work of the Church. May God forgive our generation because we refused to hear the call and see the vision until it was too late to save our millions of youth from ravages of war.

Honor to our High School youth.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth conferences offer one answer to the question, "What can we do for our youth?" The Pioneer group meet at McCormick's Creek Park. A five-day experience here will leave a lasting experience. Every youth between 12 and 14 years of age should consider well this opportunity.

Our High School youth have only to go to Lake Wawasee. Here await the Christian youth unusual opportunities. It will profit any high school youth to sacrifice many things for an opportunity to attend this conference.

The other conferences are being published elsewhere in this paper. Word from the director of the state of Ohio report that 180 adults attended the Disciple adult conference in that state last year. A great church like the First Christian should send many representatives to our adult conference. Take part of your vacation for this conference.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. Lynn Miller heads our program for a Vacation Church School. This school will be a part of the city wide program. We are in need of teachers and leaders. Parents see that your boys and girls register at once.

FIFTEEN GOOD MEN SAY "IT'S A PUSHOVER"

Yes, fifteen men are meeting Friday night to push over the proposition that First Christian shall go along debt free. They believe the membership are interested and anxious that our church push on in the leadership and the great work that lies ahead. You are hereby offered an opportunity to share in the raising of \$1400.

THIRD SUNDAY IN JUNE

No doubt, most of the people, who read this paper, will have received a letter from this committee, laying before you the needs and the plans for meeting them. Some large gift of \$100 has come in, others of \$5 and \$10 will be needed to complete the amount, which is to be in by June 18th.

Should you be approached by these men, receive them heartily, for they are giving their time because they love the church and because they want to help you. They believe in you and so have stated in their meetings. Let us prove to them and ourselves that we can do big things in a big way in Old First Christian.

E. H. Baker, Walter Birkhold, and C. F. Durfee head this group.

Sermon for Sunday—"NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLE I'VE HAD."

Invite a friend Sunday..

From 10% to 95%!

The founder of Mentholatum, sold in every civilized nation on earth, was a tither. He started paying one-tenth to the Lord. He ended by paying 95 per cent for Kingdom purposes and lived on 5 per cent.



A. A. HYDE
Founder of
Mentholatum
Wichita, Kansas



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EVERY WOMAN IN THE CHURCH SHOULD ATTEND WOMAN'S COUNCIL GROUP MEETINGS

The Naomi Group will meet with Mrs. Georgia E. Ellison, 905 N. Anthony, Wednesday, June 7th, 2:00 p.m.

The Martha Group will meet for a dessert luncheon at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. M. Kimble, 1241 W. Branning Ave., Wednesday, June 7th.

The Esther Group will meet with Mrs. John Juday, 1613 Short St., Wednesday, June 7th.

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. J. Z. Berlein, 2918 Bowser Ave., Tuesday, June 6th, at 2:15 p.m. The leader requests a good attendance for a discussion of important business.

The Ruth Group will meet with Mrs. Rudolph Hirsch, Hazelhurst Drive, Tuesday, June 6th, at 2:00 p.m.

SERVICE MEN'S WIVES

The Service Men's Wives will meet with Mrs. Esther Clipp, 3508 Indiana Ave., Sunday evening, June 4th, at 7:30.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Emma Carles, in Room 154, Lutheran Hospital.

WELCOME CORDIALLY

Our hearts are rejoiced as Sunday by Sunday we are receiving such fine people into our church. 30 have come by primary obedience, 39 by transfer of membership:

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Martha Dilts, Miss Emma Dorris, Miss Ella Dyer, J. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mildred Bingham, Miss Henrietta Kissinger, Lewis Kissinger, Mrs. Irene Kissinger, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Halleck, Mrs. Joseph Baxter, Miss Jean Baxter, Joyce Davis, James Davis, Marilyn Crouse, Donna Leversee, Normand Horn, Martin Kimble, Mrs. C. F. Scherrer, Miss Thelma Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayers, Mrs. Olga Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Miss Kathryn Dowty, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Jerome F. Wellman, Shirley Whitley, Mrs. Edwin Teeters, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Ella King, Wm. Hilbish, Norman King, Mrs. Arthur Davis, Mrs. Mallie Reidt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Weist, Ronald Weist, Janelle Weist, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Arnold, Mrs. Sallie Parker, Charles Krick, Miss Bernice Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan, Miss Helen Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Miss Gloria Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anders, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Miss Mildred Hartman, Jack B. Brickley, Mrs. Mildred A. Kingman, Mrs. Harry Lomont, and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. C. Carlisle.

More are to come into the church. Please notify and give to the Evangelism Chairman, W. C. Birkhold, the church secretary, or the minister the careful addresses of those you think should belong to the church, with your reasons.

The Story of Mr. A. A. Hyde

SINCE MANHOOD Mr. Hyde has been a Tither. He originated "Mentholatum," which is a household product around the world. He started as a "Tither;" he ended giving 95 per cent of his net income to the work of God in the world.

When he was 87 years of age, he addressed his employees and salesmen in a national convention and from that address we quote the following:

"Here I am approaching 87—wabbling around on my feet—and at the head of an organization that has made a real success in the world in a material way and which supports a good many families. I have used a good deal of my time and money spreading the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. The principles of Jesus Christ as He gave them would solve every one of our problems. I believe it, and try to act on it."

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A few months after this address was given, Mr. Hyde, who had taught a Bible class in the Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas, for forty years, taught his Bible class lesson, sat down, feeling somewhat tired, closed his eyes, and members saw his lips moving, and heard him whisper, "The Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God, may it come on earth even as it is in Heaven." And when they strove to awaken him, his body was there but the soul of this great Tither, this steward of Almighty God, had gone to be with Jesus in the ever-lasting Home of the Soul.

U. S. Wickes, c/o Fleet P. O.
San Francisco, Calif.
May 20, 1944.

Dear Friends:

Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate receiving the TIDINGS. I really do appreciate it as it lets me know what is happening around the church today.

Being aboard a destroyer, it isn't often that I have a chance to attend church services, but I make the best of every opportunity. I have my Testament, as do most of the boys on board, and make good use of it.

With best regards,
Wayne H. Imbody, T. M. 2/c.

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SYMPATHY

The church extends sincere expression of sympathy to Mrs. Kover and the family in the loss of Edward W. Kover. He was a faithful member of the First Christian Church. The famous firm of which he was the owner had beautified many churches throughout the nation and had decorated our own church sanctuary. Mr. Kover died in his sleep. Mr. Beck officiated at the funeral service.

The church feels for Mrs. Sherer in the sudden death of her husband, Clyde F. Sherer. Mrs. Sherer has proven herself to be a faithful member of this church during the months of her membership with us. Mr. Beck officiated at the services which were held in Os-sian.

NOTES

Mrs. Robert T. Beck recently spoke before the Hope Circle of the Kings Daughters of the First Methodist Church.

Our Minister, Robert T. Beck, was the guest speaker for the 17th annual birthday dinner of the Excelsior Class of the Wayne Street Methodist Church. He used as his subject, "The Easy Way Out."

Mr. Beck was the chapel speaker for the Annual Chapel Service of the North Side High School. He used for his sub-ject, "A World of Courage."

Mr. Beck also was the speaker on the Sanctuary over the air and spoke on the subject, "How the Christian Family Can Use the Church."

MRS. O. E. TOMES

Old friends and acquaintances of Mrs. O. E. Tomes, wife of one of First Christian's Pastors, will regret to learn that Mrs. Tomes passed away last No- vember at her home in Gary.

HOPE SANATORIUM

Little by little, this hospital, which was begun in May, 1942, with make-shift equipment, is acquiring the look of a real hospital, and is able to serve more efficiently. The low cots are being replaced by hospital beds. Tables and equipment have been purchased for the delivery and the operating rooms. In the kitchen is a gas stove, one of the few in the city. Up to this time the staff has managed all the cooking on a two-burner oil stove.

Of great satisfaction to the mission and the committee from the church which sponsors the hospital, is the coming of a very competent evangelical nurse to join the staff. Her name is Miss Esperanza Rodriguez, educated in the Baptist nurses' training school at Puebla.

OFFICE SECRETARY

A temporary change in office hours for the Church Secretary are: Mondays until 1:30 p.m., all day Tuesdays and Wednesdays during June.

A "World Order Compact," adapted from and in the same format as the now famous Mayflower Compact, signed in the cabin of that historic ves-sel in 1620, and the rules by which the Pilgrim Fathers first lived in America, will be signed on Sunday, May 21, in hundreds of Congregational Christian churches throughout the country. This dramatic act will climax the campaign now being waged within the denomina-tion to "have each member work with one another for the bringing in of a co-operative world." Church members are urged also to write their representa-tives in Washington urging American cooperation in post-war plans for inter-national order.

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MATCH THE HOUR

Many of us were in prayer most of the day, all of us, part of Tuesday, were lifting up prayers. Not that we hate our enemies, but who can fail to be amazed and distressed at the folly abroad in the world, at the useless destruction of life and property.

What courage abroad, and how brave are our own dear ones fighting our battle for us. What full measure of devotion of many men! The cost is terrific! The cost is too great for the world to be cheated with a peace that is false, that will infest the world again with hatred, suspicion, revenge and death.

This is a time for greatness. It is we, the living, that must exercise every influence to see that a just and durable peace is made; that those of the next generation may know that these brave have not died in vain. Our children must have an opportunity to live in peace. Their future is now. So let us pray and work.

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"WHAT CAN THE CHURCH DO NOW?"

The above question will be the theme of our minister's sermon on Sunday morning at ten thirty o'clock.

Everyone who can come at all should be in church this Sunday.

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What an appropriate day for **Children's Day** is this Sunday! We still have our children. Their future is now.

At nine thirty o'clock this next Sunday the children will share with the adults a program they have arranged for this day. **COME SEE OUR CHILDREN.**

The special offering for Children's Day goes to the world work of the church. Our giving supports our work in the Western Hemisphere among our Latin neighbors and the work in China, India, and Africa. That is enough to call forth giving from us all.

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SERVICE FOR BLESSING CHILDREN

Next Sunday is the day to bring the children for the church's blessing and the presentation before the congregation. Mrs. Lawrence Sentman, our Cradle Roll superintendent, with her assistants, will receive the children at the east door of the church around eleven twenty. They will be brought into the service at eleven thirty-five. Please have you little child here promptly at this time for preliminary preparation. The parents will receive a beautiful booklet containing a certificate and a copy of the service; these are suitable for the Baby Book. This invitation is to all those who wish to bring their babies.

CONSIDER CONFERENCE

There is yet opportunity to register for the adult conference that is to be held at Lake Wawasee beginning July 1st and concluding July 7th.

REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN

Do not fail to register your children in the Vacation Church School which begins June 19th and runs until June 30th. Do not let your children miss this summer's opportunity. It will help them and enrich their lives.

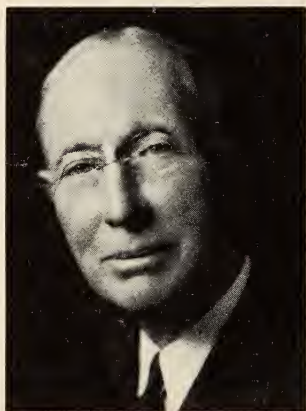
OUR COMMUNION GIFT

Lieut. Richard Albert Smith was reading a Fort Wayne paper on the Destroyer to which he is assigned, when the new chaplain on board the destroyer observed the paper. "Are you from Fort Wayne?" he asked. "Well my communion service was a gift from the First Christian Church of that city." Strange, isn't it, that the communion service we gave should be serving one of our own men. There is a saying about casting your bread upon the waters and it will return. We are happy about this incident.

YOUR CHURCH CALLS YOU TO WORSHIP SUNDAY

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"We began paying God's tithe 40 years ago on a small salary, with kiddies to clothe and home to pay for. This was at the very time we needed divine guidance most. Tenth paying certainly made Christ more real to us; and we found it easier to pay much more for God, both in tithes and offerings, than we had ever hoped.

"Dwight Moody used to say, 'When you go in partnership with Almighty God, make preparation for big things.' It's a sure thing that since we got on the square with Christ in tithing

that God has increased our happiness, our homes, our usefulness, and our prosperity more than ten times. Jehovah has truly opened the windows of happiness and usefulness and rebuked the devourer for our sakes.

“So, you, don’t be an easy mark for the devil, the biggest liar the world has ever known, when he tells you that you can’t afford to be honest with God, your best friend.”

ARTHUR A. EVERTS.



MYRON S. EVERTS
Past President of American
Jewelrmen's Association

Myron S. Everts says:

Tithing is Fun!

“I have had many people
tell me that they could not

afford to tithe. After tithing, they do not see how they can afford
not to tithe.

“It is a real pleasure to greet your friends when they come in
soliciting funds for a worthy cause and be happy about it be-
cause you have already thought about the worthy cause and
have allotted part of your tithe for it.

“Your conscience never hurts you in the middle of the night
—wondering whether you have done your share or not—and,
best of all, you know that you are cooperating with God’s plan
of financing His kingdom.”

MYRON EVERTS.

BROTHERHOOD CONVOCATION

JUNE 20TH AND 21ST

The minister and delegation from the church will attend the Indiana convocation at the Central Christian Church in Indianapolis. With the general theme, "The Church Today and Tomorrow," they will discuss the problems of the local churches and their solution. These convocations are being held in twelve cities across the country.

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YOUTH GROUP

Mr. and Mrs. M. Cleo Halleck are the new sponsors for the youth group of our church. This group meets every Sunday evening.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Worrell. Mr. Worrell's brother, Mr. W. C. Worrell, passed away May 25th at his home in Elkhart.

NINETY-FOUR YEARS OLD

Mrs. Priscilla Caroline Johnson, past ninety-four years of age, faithful member of this church, passed to her reward. We rejoice that she was able to spend so many years with her family, her church and her friends.

Mrs. J. W. Stamets was buried in East Palestine this week. After a long illness she peacefully went to her reward. The sympathy of the church is extended to Mrs. Carles, Mrs. Owen and her daughter. Mrs. Stamets was a faithful member of the church.

ILLNESS

Mrs. A. McDermott is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 359.

Mrs. S. J. Burgess is in Walter Reed General Hospital, Ward 6, Washington, D. C., where she underwent a serious operation, Thursday, June 1st. She is reported as progressing nicely.

Mr. Kenneth Sefton is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 278. He was operated upon for appendicitis, Tuesday, June 6th.

SEE THEM

You may see any of the following and give them your expansion gift: E. R. Baker, C. F. Durfee, O. O. Vaught, J. M. Fitch, D. L. Crouse, Ray Barnett, Elmore Schlatter, Robert T. Beck, W. C. Birkhold.

EXPANSION FUND

Members are responding generously. Around \$600.00 has been paid or pledged to this fund. If you have not turned your pledge in, please do so as early as possible, so that every thing may be cleared in the next two weeks. We are pleased to list below the names that have been turned into the office. The gifts range from \$100.00. Many have given \$25.00 and \$10.00, others less.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Beck, Mrs. John Leikauf, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. S. Burkhalter, Mrs. J. W. Whitbey, Mrs. Flora Virts, Mrs. F. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mrs. Bertha Welch, Mr. Jerome Wellman, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mrs. Anna Hartshorn, Miss Thelma Trumbower, Mrs. Louise Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, C. A. Lehneke, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haddox, Miss Kathryn Dowty, Miss Emma Dorris, Miss Emma Crabill, Loyal Reapers Class, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mrs. Mary Wagner, Miss Flora Gilmore, Mrs. George Spice, Miss Jean Wilkens, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Truelove, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Drewett, Mrs. Martha Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sefton, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Gorham, Mrs. Emma Bushong, Mrs. E. W. Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Jack Brickley, Mrs. Niona Lehman, Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Weist, Mrs. Paul Yentes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Follis, Mr. Carl Wright, Mrs. James Hirschy, Mrs. Mary McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horn, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. E. T. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kruse, Mrs. Edward Broliss.

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ROSE FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 18th

Our church will be decked with roses for the morning worship service at 10:30 o'clock. Members are asked to bring roses on Sunday morning. An efficient committee has been appointed to place the roses.

Hear Our Minister's Sermon

"A ROSE SPEAKS TO THE DISCOURAGED"

The Committee is composed of Donald L. Crouse, Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. W. Van Alstine, Mrs. E. Ayers, Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mrs. M. Teeters, Mrs. D. Hogg, Mrs. C. F. Ellison, Mrs. Don Eyer, Mrs. L. Rhoades, Mrs. L. Blair, Mrs. J. Z. Berlein, Mrs. O. G. Schell, Mrs. B. W. Leversee, Mrs. E. Fuselman, Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mrs. F. Virts, Miss E. Crabill.

JUNE 18th IS FATHER'S DAY

The Fathers of our day, as in other days, are in the battles; Mothers as never before must help keep the home fires burning. Make Father's Day this year, in a real sense, a church day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talmadge Beck
at home

On Sunday the eighteenth of June
from three to five o'clock
from seven to nine o'clock

Three Hundred and Eight South Seminole Circle

HONOR ROLL

The names of those who have their pledges paid up to date July 1st, will be published in the early issues of the Tydings in July.

Recently Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeannette have been dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Collier. They have been, also, recently the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young.

CONFERENCE

The following are attending the Young People's Conference this week on Lake Wawasee: Doris Sweeney, Virginia Dare, Grace Hirschy, Martha Dilts, Henriette Kissinger, Ella Dyer and Leonard Horn.

The following will go to the Pioneer camp at McCormick's Creek Park, south of Indianapolis, this next week: Jeannette Drewett, Marlene Gaskill, Marilyn Richard and Shirley Whitley.

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THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL

"Musical Tea"—Tuesday, June 20th
2:30 P.M.

Devotions—Mrs. R. F. Broxon.

Special features will include numbers by Allen County Economic Chorus, Mrs. Herschel Bailey and Miss Lu Ann Bailey, Mrs. Lillian Scott.

Executive meeting, Tuesday, June 20th, 1:00 p.m.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Vacation Church School is not relieving parents of their responsibility for two weeks. This school is designed to supplement the guidance of a Christian home with carefully worked out material and experience. One-half hour per week is all the formal instruction our children receive during the year from their church. The summer school furnishes a much needed supplement.

This instruction is made to you and your children without cost. Our teachers are giving of their time because of their love for children and the church. One way we can show our appreciation is to have our children there each morning.

Vacation Church School—June 19th-30th

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

For Adults

For our adults the Church School has provided the following classes:

For Women: The Loyal Reapers, The Friendly Class and the Women's Class.

For Mixed Groups: The Progressive Class (for the married group); The Lacoda Class (for the younger group); The High School Class for the youth group.

There is a Men's Class (for all ages of men).

For Our Children

The Children's House has classes for all ages up to and including the Intermediate group.

There is a kindergarten group for the small children.

In the nursery, mothers may leave their children through the Sunday school and church worship period.

COME! BRING YOUR FAMILY WITH YOU, THAT IS THE RIGHT WAY.

EXPANSION FUND

Around \$1,000 to \$1,400 has been secured. In addition to last week the following names have been reported: Mrs. E. S. Higgins, Mrs. Henry Kolkman, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Arnold, Miss Mildred Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siples, Mr. and Mrs. O. Vaught, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kimble, Mr. and Mrs. M. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leverage and family, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Miss Edna Saxon, Mrs. Eva Mosier, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. J. L. Nowells, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gas-kill, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coblenz, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Broxon, Miss Bernice Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mr.

and Mrs. J. S. Erwin, Mrs. Joseph Baxter, Mrs. M. Owen, Miss Erchie Owen, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mrs. Mae Sheline, Miss Elsie Keith, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gindlesparger, Miss Marguerite McGuire, John Dunn, Mrs. E. W. Kover, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mrs. Louise Nichols, Mrs. N. Newland, Mr. and Mrs. E. Trease, Miss Harriet Trease, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlein, Miss Helen McLennan, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Schell, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dilts, Mrs. John Sutton, Mrs. Homer Stevenson, Miss Beth Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. George Weddle, Mrs. C. B. Whitman, Mrs. Paul Whitton.

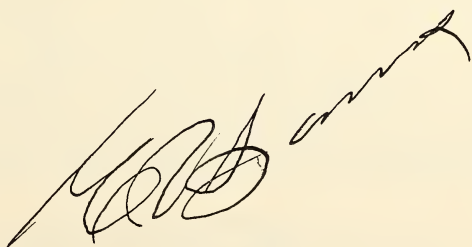
If you have not given yet, come, help lift it over the top.

Dear Friends:

"For many years I have tithed. Viewed from a purely business basis, tithing is sound, because it sets up a portion of one's income to be devoted to a given partnership and it does this in keeping with an ancient principle.

"Every man should recognize the partnership that he has with God, because that partnership will sustain him when other affiliations fail. We should never be unmindful of Him, who provides us with courage, and hope, and grace, and poise, and we should not overlook regular payments so that this Power can be strengthened and made more potent—not only to ourselves but to all people.

"Tithing pays not only in terms of personal satisfaction, but in increased contentment of spirit, improved morale, and intensified faith in one's own understanding."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. A. Rorer", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

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THROUGH THE MINISTER'S WINDOW

How Do You Like Children?

It is indeed difficult to understand those who do not like children. The normal thing is for people to like little ones.

Through some strange quirk of experience or reasoning, we are likely to think they are unimportant. Our Master did not think this way. When the mothers of children sought to have this great man touch their children, there were those adults in that day that would take them out of the picture. Jesus would not have it so, "suffer little children to come unto me." And then he added, "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." And he took them and blessed them.

There is a low view of children. It grows out of the idea that "sex is sin." Children, they reasoned, are conceived in sin and born in iniquity. So the idea of bringing children into the church is not so much to bless them, to pray for them, as to save them from the curse of this sin of sex, to save them from the damnation of hell. That seems a strange idea beside the Master's who thought of heaven as full of children.

But where does the interest in children begin in the church. It should begin early, when youth can be guided in the ways of Christian courtship, in Christian marriage, and then in the planning of a family. And in churches that are alert and wide awake, this very thing is being done. When youth is so guided, it is to be expected that parents of their first child are eager to do something about it; to make this experience accord with their Christian feelings. So, in forward-looking churches, an invitation is extended to parents to bring their children into the church service and there receive the prayers of the congregation and the minister for their home and their child as they promise to rear him in the light of Christian teaching and in a Christian home.

This practice is poles different from the idea of damned children because they were unbaptized. This practice is in line with the acknowledgement that children come sweet and pure from the hands of God and that parents are the

trustees of these gifts.

Sunday by Sunday we pray for our youth, at every marriage ceremony we ask God to bless the sacred union, the church must follow in prayer the home and the family that come therefrom. From birth to death must the concern of the church for the children of God.

Last Sunday the following children were brought to the church to receive the prayers of the church. This is but the beginning. We must see that our children have proper opportunities to learn of Christ and his church, and, at the proper age, see that they are given opportunity to commit their lives to Him in Christian baptism: Sharon Lee Smith, Teresa Lucille Eyer, Jeffery Stephan Clark, Herschel Wayne Case, Jr., Linda Lee Adams, Rita Lee Tracey, Virginia Lee Mann, Betty Ann Mann, Jewel Lynn Hill, Carole Sue Orchard, Rogerdale Parkerson and Beverly Schreen.

As we watched our children last Sunday surely none could have forbidden them.

SICK

Mr. William H. Collier is confined to his home. He is considered to be improving.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sharon Kay Horn is the lovely little girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horn June 11, 1944.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Jennie Rich, so faithful to the church until she suffered an accident which resulted in a fractured bone, was considered well on the way to recovery when she became suddenly ill and passed away within four hours. The sympathy of the church goes to this good woman's family. Mrs. Rich was one of our oldest members, her parents were among those who first established the church in this community.

CHILDREN'S DAY

It was a delight to have our children present and share their program with the adults on last Sunday morning. The offering for missions on last Sunday was \$114.50.

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SUNDAY IS ACHIEVEMENT DAY

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

6:15 p. m.

This Sunday evening we are to meet and hear of our achievements for the last six months. The church school with Donald L. Crouse and Harold Adams as co-superintendents, will bring reports as will also the educational committee. The Women's Council will bring their report covering the first six months of this year under Mrs. Whitby and the heads of the various groups. The Youth group will bring their reports. The departments of the Official Boards will bring reports. These will all be brief to make way for other activities.

Special music will be a part of the evening's program.

THE NEW TIME

Beginning this Sunday those coming to Sunday School will immediately go to their classes. There will be no opening exercises. They will consequently be called from the classes earlier, so that the preaching service will begin with the organ prelude around 10.05 a. m.

Our minister's sermon will be

"THE DESIRE TO BE SOMEBODY"

You will like this sermon and gain strength from being in the House of God.

HONORING C. EDWARD CREMER

Sunday Afternoon 3:00 p. m.

Memorial Services

C. Edward Cremer is our first casualty in this war. He lost his life when the transport vessel on which he was sailing was torpedoed. He was a much liked young man in the church and was very popular among the young people. His interest in the church was genuine and he was always happy when he was doing something for his church.

The congregation is invited to this service.

OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED

Due to war priorities, it will be impossible for the mill to finish the woodwork in our Chapel until a much later date. It will be beautiful when it is finished But we must wait until these war orders are completed. This will mean at least a month's delay.

We hope at a later date, to have an even more interesting open house.

OUR VACATION SCHOOL

Our school has passed our expectations. We are delighted to have so many children and youth to participate in this school. This school will be in session this week and next week. Those who are working and will work in the school are Mrs. Lynn Miller, director, Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. Earl T. Fusselman, Mrs. John Davis, Miss Jean Bowser, Mrs. Frederick Dettloff, Mrs. Grace Keiffer, Mrs. Meredith Hornaday.

OUR EXPANSION FUND

Due to clerical error, our report in last week's issue of Tidings was incorrect. We now have paid in cash \$1,000. Pledges unpaid will equal around \$150. We still need about \$300 to go over the top. Please do not neglect to put in your gift or pledge so we inform the church that we have completed our project by this.

● SOWING THE SEED

A native preacher of Disciples of Christ in Monieka, Africa, was trying to encourage the Christians in his village to be evangelists among their friends and families. He illustrated his teaching with the following story:

"An elephant and a thrush challenged one another as to who could make himself heard the farther. They set a certain morning for a trial of voice.

"Before the contest day the thrush flew from village to village to tell all the thrushes of the contest, and to ask that on that morning each one repeat the song as he heard it, and thus send it from village to village. The elephant did not realize his need for help, for he felt sure of his success.

"The contest morning arrived. The elephant was given first chance. He gave a long, loud deafening trumpet and felt satisfied that he had won. The thrush sang his song, and all the other thrushes in all the surrounding villages carried the song on and on.

"Witnesses were called from far and near. When those from afar were asked if they had heard the trumpet of the elephant they answered, No. When they were asked if they heard the thrush they all answered, Yes, we heard the thrush's song quite distinctly."

Sometimes teachers, preachers and missionaries feel that they are working alone in a big task. Too often we forget that the Gospel message is being carried farther and farther, not only by leaders but by the many Christians scattered throughout the villages.

—Miss Martha Bateman,
Missionary to Africa.



For the **Growing Church of India**, a report comes from D. A. McGavran: "In five of our stations we have people coming from caste into the Christian church. The average number of new Christians in these villages is 80, with one having 90."

● FOR BOYS OF S. C. I.

A Boy Scout troop organized recently at Southern Christian Institute has B. J. Jacobs as scout master and W. K. Fox as assistant. Nine boys have passed the tenderfoot test and six have their uniforms. The troop is now awaiting its charter. Their present project is the collection of waste paper.



● ROLL CALL FOR PARAGUAY

In Asuncion, Paraguay, we have on the field now four missionary couples and one single woman. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lemmon live in the girls' dormitory where Miss Agnes Fishbach is the directora. She also teaches some classes. Mr. Lemmon is director of the school while Mrs. Lemmon has the care of the boarding department and teaches some classes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Mills are in charge of the boys' dormitory, and Mr. Mills also teaches.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smedley live in Casa Morton, the first building of the school. Mrs. Smedley has a very full schedule of teaching in the primary grades and helps in the girls' dormitory. Mr. Smedley has several classes and study halls in the secondary department, and helps in the boys' dormitory.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes will have charge of the church work during the furlough of the Norments who have just arrived in the homeland.

This is not a large staff for the work to be done. There are 431 enrolled in the school this year with 42 boys and 20 girls living in the dormitories. Then there is the work at the church and student center, the Sunday school, and the leper work where our mission is co-operating with the government in relieving some of the misery of those unfortunate people on the leper colony.

*"And they shall all
be taught of God"*



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THE MINISTER —AND HIS PEOPLE

TYING THINGS TOGETHER

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the autocrat at the breakfast table, talking about life in comparison to bundle. Was life small bundles of large things tied together or large bundles of small things tied together.

The observation we want to make is that they should be tied together. It is rather tragic to see some families that have little or nothing to tie them together. They are full of things that separate them.

It is even more tragic when religion in one's life is not tied together. It is little wonder that in some lives this is so, their attendance at church and Sunday School is so sporadic. They fail to get the continuity that ties together the thinking of a minister over six months or a year.

In our public schools, the authorities are insistent that the children come regularly, they thereby tie together a series of studies. Parents who do not see this generally have children who lose interest in their school and trail their schoolmates in their learning.

In public worship at church is a great time to see the incidents of our life, the thoughts that thereby accrue, in their relationship to one another.

We see lives break to pieces. They have not been tied together properly. A life that ties together its relationships in fine balance will be stronger and will be able to weather the storms.

Have you tried tying together your life. We hope it won't be by pleasure, or by wealth, or by popularity. These pass away and leave our lives broken. They are inadequate. Try using religion — love for God and man. A good place to tie our lives together is Sunday morning at church.

COME TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY.

ILLNESS

Mrs. Emma Carles has been moved from the hospital to the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac Street.

Lewis Kessinger was in Meethodist Hospital for check-up.

WOMAN BIBLE CLASS

Will meet with Mrs. O. G. Schell, 3010 S. Lafayette St. Tuesday, June 27th at 2:15 p. m.

EXPANSION FUND

Additional names to the list of pledges and gifts to the Expansion Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Firestone, Mrs. David Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. S. O. Fountain, Mrs. Georgia Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Roper, Miss Florence Crawford, Miss Eunice Clark, Mr. and Mrs. L. Childers, Mrs. Merle Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Frances Knott, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shambaugh, Mrs. E. Braun, Miss Lorea Sheline, Mrs. J. Richwine, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan, Mrs. Don Eyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moser, Mrs. Henry Ehle, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Broxon, Mrs. Wm. DeRolf, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Demsey Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frame, Mrs. C. E. Cremer, A. H. O. Class, Mrs. James Hirschy, Mrs. Charles Hostman and sons.

ROBERT M. HOPKINS, JR.

Rev Robert M. Hopkins, Jr. has accepted the position as director of week day religious education of the public schools of Fort Wayne. This is significant for us.

Mr. Hopkins is a graduate of Bethany College, and Yale University. He has done graduate study in Chicago University. He was director of religious education in the First Church of Louisville, Kentucky. He was director of Religious Education for the state of Oklahoma for the Disciple of Christ. He was ordained under the ministry of our pastor when he was a minister at Bethany College in the Bethany Memorial Church. Mr. Hopkins is the son of Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, president of the United Christian Missionary Society.

Mrs. Hopkins is a graduate of Phillips University and majored in the department of Religious Education toward her master's degree. Rev. and Mrs. Hopkins is expected to move to this city in early August. They will be members of First Christian.

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SUNDAY IS PATRIOTISM SUNDAY

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING COUNTRY TO BE HONORED

The names of our service rolls will be read. Nearest in kin will answer and tell of their location.

The names of our men and women in this service will be printed on the back of the worship service.

SERMON SUNDAY

"HOW MUCH DO WE WANT FREEDOM?"

Come hear your minister discuss this live issue, as we honor our men and women.

Great Anthem This Sunday, Ruth Thompson, Soloist

CAN WE DO IT?

THE LAST SIX MONTHS ANSWERS THIS

Our Worship Service Answers

Faithful and reverent elders and deacons serving at the Lord's Table; Fine music under capable leadership; A worshipful atmosphere; A hospitality committee that makes people feel welcome and at home; Sermons that illumine vital issues; Large numbers of reverent worshippers; These speak out a positive answer.

Our Organization's Answer

The Church School. In the last six months the increase in Sunday attendance has been marked.

The church clinic brought the whole church under review from an educational point of view.

Fifteen registered in teacher training courses looking forward to more effective work in the church.

Our Vacation Church School has been a real success.

Many youth and adults have attended summer conferences.

The Children's House has been a great asset and incentive to our church school work.

The adult groups are very active.

The Woman's Council: The women's organization of the church has shown real activity and interest in the last six months. The Dorcas Society joined the Council and consolidated the co-operative work of this great organization in our church. From January to June this group has raised \$944.14. The circles have cared for our family nights in a most gracious manner.

Youth Groups. The youth groups in our church have carried on a vital program, including study, fellowship and special projects.

The Wives of Soldiers and Sailors and Marines: Newly formed organization have been very active. News letters are being sent to all our people in the armed forces. A special study is being made on the ways to peace. The book, *The Church and World Mind*, is being used as a basis for this study.

The Official Board. This organization has been very active. Many of the departments of this organization have been effective. The mobilization campaign, the financial expansion program, the Dollar Club, evangelism program and many other plans inaugurated and promoted by the Official Board have been a success. During the last six months the church has been cleared of indebtedness and additional funds raised to care for Children's House, additional improvements and repairs.

● ARGENTINA REPORTS

The Eleventh Annual Convention of Christian Churches in Argentina, held last October, had as its general theme "Fields White Unto the Harvest." In the reports from the churches were three items of more than passing interest:

The formal decision by joint action of the Central Council of Churches in Buenos Aires and the Board of Trustees of the United Society to open a new station in the city of Resistencia with a population of 70,000, about 700 miles north of Buenos Aires in the Chaco. The start was made at the end of the year with Sr. Sarli and his family moving to that location. Sr. Silvio Azzati became pastor of the Belgrano Church in his stead.

A project was announced for enlarging the work of the Villa Mitre Church in the field of community service made possible by the purchase of a lot adjoining the church property, out of gifts from local friends.

Announcement that \$12,500 of funds from Emergency Million assure a church building for the Saavedra congregation, which is participating in the project with a local campaign for funds.



● A CALL TO YOUTH

The youth of our land responded to the call to the colors, and the enemies who would have destroyed our freedom and denied our faith will be beaten, and the war won. If it is to be the last war, the youth of our land must respond to the call of the Cross, maintain our freedom and enthrone our faith, until at last man, the wide world round, realizes the peace-makers are indeed the sons of God.

—BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM.

This is the story of All People's
Its tower is not like other church steeples.
This church signifies that within
it lies faithfulness and kindness,
The things that God will always bless.
On Sundays you can hear the organ play
soft as the sun on a June day.
The voices rise high, way up to the sky.
They go to the top and then they
stop.

You hear the voice of the preacher,
steady and true, comforting,
soothing, and warming you.
Verses of the Bible are then read, and
then you realize these are
the words Christ had once said.
Such is a Sunday at All People's,
the church without steeples.

—CHUCKIE MITCHELL.

(Written by one of the boys in All People's Christian Church and Community Center, Los Angeles, and taken from their monthly newsletter.)



● A BACKWARD LOOK

Checking back on the 1943 graduating class from Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, it is found that all the young men are now in the armed forces of the country. All of the young women who desired positions are teaching in the schools of East Texas.

These have taken their places with the long line of Jarvis students who are making valuable contributions to their communities because of the training they received in this Christian school.



All persons who bear the blessed title of "parent" have the personal responsibility to see that their children are growing up fully appreciative of the rights of God and their fellowmen.

—J. EDGAR HOOVER.

We thank thee, Lord, for Christian homes, proud or humble, rich or poor, where men and women, boys and girls, may work and play and live in joyous comradeship; where unbreakable ties bind into a single unit the separate members, so that each is made strong in the strength of others.

We thank thee for Christian homes in China and India and Africa and all around the world which make meaningful to others the principles of Christ's teaching.

We thank thee that thou art our Father.



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OUR MEMBERSHIP ANSWERS

There has been an increase of 70 new members in the last six months. Thirty-two of these have been by baptism. We now have a total membership, resident in the city, of over 850 members.

In our mobilization campaign, every home was contacted and new talent was discovered.

OUR EQUIPMENT ANSWERS

Today we have a modernly equipped Children's House, a consultation room for our minister, a committee room, a beautiful chapel under construction. Our entrances are being painted, our organ is to be cleaned and put in shape and our furnaces are to be renewed.

OUR FINANCES ANSWER

The total income from all sources in the last six months total \$11,384.05—\$994.4 came from the Women's Council; \$700.16 came from the Church School; \$1,497.40 goes to missions. THIS IS THE LARGEST SIX MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS, FOR WHICH WE HAVE A RECORD.

CAN WE DO IT? Can we have one of the great churches in this section. WE CAN. WE CAN IF EVERY MEMBER WILL DO HIS SHARE. Send in prospective names. Re-study your giving. Be regular in your attendance.

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young were host and hostess to the Vacation Church School Tuesday afternoon at their country home where a large group of children were told the story of the bee and enjoyed ice cream, cherry and raspberry refreshments.

Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeannette were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Frederick Detloff and Mrs. Baker Friday evening.

MAJOR LOUIS CURDES

We rejoice with Mrs. E. W. Kover, her daughter and family, over the return of Major Curdes, Mrs. Kover's grandson. The heroic achievements of Major Curdes are honored by all of us. We greatly rejoice in his almost miraculous return home.

PLEDGES PAID THROUGH THE SUMMER

It is with appreciation that we record that members who are to be away during the summer are paying their pledges up through that period. This last week we received such amounts from Miss Mildred Hartman, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Mr. and Mrs. John Frame and Mrs. Sarah Shroyer.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kimble are the proud grandparents of a boy born to Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Schele. Mrs. Schele was formerly Miss Jane Kimble.

EXPANSION FUND GROWS

The following have sent in amounts to this fund. If you have not done so, send yours in as early as possible: Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Somers, Mrs. Lynn Miller, Mrs. Olga Heidecker, Mrs. Howard Leggett, Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mrs. Mary McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. George Weddle, Mrs. J. M. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sweeney, Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Miss Elaine Jones, Mrs. James Hirschy.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

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GREAT SERVICES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Minister's Sermon

"HOW CAN I STAND IT?"

WE ARE HAVING SPLENDID MUSIC

Our Choir Director, Mr. Gerald Miller, our Organist, Mrs. R. M. Scott, and our choir members have been excelling the last few Sundays.

Anthem: Latvian Spiritual—Soloist: Mr. Owen Vaught

Come, hear our minister in this searching sermon.

Come, and enter into our splendid worship service.

ONLY ONE SERVICE EACH WEEK—SURELY YOU CAN AND WILL ATTEND.

Remember the time is 10:10 a.m. for the summer.

BRING YOUR CHILD TO THE CHURCH SCHOOL
REGULARLY AND ON TIME

Our School Begins at 9:45 A.M.

GOOD ADULT CLASSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Expanded Program for Beginners

Nursery for small children during worship period

ARE YOU CONFUSED?

MEN'S SOULS ARE BEING TESTED AND TRIED

Hourly the events of the day are sweeping us along.

LEADING PREACHERS OF OUR LAND TAKE OPPOSITE VIEWS.

WE READ

In the Declaration of Independence, "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL . . . ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS." We read further the pledge to our Flag, "ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

OUR COUNTRY IS NOT UNITED.

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN BELIEVE.

AND OUR BOYS FROM THE CHURCHES MARCH AWAY.

WHAT CAN A PERSON DO WHO WANTS TO BE BOTH BRAVE AND CHRISTIAN.

WE MUST BE HUMBLE, CHRISTIAN, HONEST, OPEN TO IDEAS.

DO WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL?

WE MUST KEEP DEMOCRACY, CAN WE HAVE EQUALITY AMONG MEN?

WE NEED TO HOLD ON TO CHRISTIAN VIRTUES.

WE CAN OPEN OUR SOULS' WINDOWS TOWARD GOD.

WE LOVE THE CHURCH—HERE, CAN GOD GIVE US AN ANSWER?

TRY COMING TO CHURCH AND LISTENING TO GOD FOR AN ANSWER.

TRY INTELLIGENT CHRISTIAN RESEARCH IN THE BIBLE.

TRY, IN SINCERITY AND REVERENCE TO TRUST GOD.

"THOUGH HE SLAYETH MEN, YET WILL I TRUST HIM," WAS THE ANSWER OF ONE MAN, AND GOD HELPED HIM.

IF YOU ARE BEING TESTED AND TRIED—BE FOUND, NOT WANTING.

IN BAFFLING DAYS COME TO CHURCH.

● COQUILHATVILLE



The Coquilhatville Church.

● S. C. I. REACHES OUT

The Institute for Town and Country Pastors, held at Southern Christian Institute in February, was a great success. Twenty ministers, representing five denominations, received certificates in recognition of the fact that they had been in attendance for the entire week. Twenty others attended part of the meetings.

More than 250 delegates were registered for the annual meeting of the Eighth District of the Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools which was held at S. C. I. on February 26.

The Community Improvement Association, composed of representatives of the P. T. A.'s of the locality, met at S. C. I. on February 21 to make plans for a clean-up campaign. Prizes are to be given for the most attractive homes, schools, churches and business places in the area.

The Hinds County Singing Convention, an organization of the church choirs of the county, will meet with the S. C. I. church the fifth Sunday in April.

These are just a few of the community projects promoted through or assisted by Southern Christian Institute.

The Coquilhatville church in our Congo Mission reports 32 baptisms for last year. Besides the church on the mission compound there are chapels in three sections of the native city, and regular services are held in the military camp one evening a week. One Sunday afternoon each month, services are held in the native prison.

Native soldiers and their families showed much interest in the services. In this large center of Belgian Congo, there is a continual movement of the population. The work is quite different from that in our other mission stations which are located in the back country, away from any commercial interest.

Our one missionary couple here is assisted by five graduates of Congo Christian Institute: an ordained pastor, two evangelists, one school supervisor, and one teacher who was added to the staff after his graduation last year. The average attendance in the six-year school was about 150, with a total enrollment of 225 for the year.



Dr. J. Gordon Chamberlain of Nashville, Tennessee, is chairman of a special committee appointed by the International Council of Religious Education to assist churches of all denominations in making plans for meeting the needs of service men when they have been demobilized. Not only demobilization, but economic adjustments and shifts in populations, and possible moral reactions to the pressures that exist because of the war, will be among the problems to be faced in the post-war years, the Council believes.

Jesus Taught

"Love thy neighbor as thyself."

"Take no thought of the morrow, what ye shall eat or what ye shall wear."

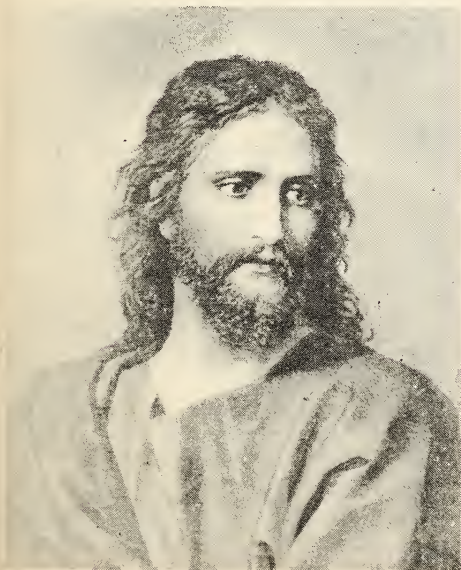
"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

"Love your enemies." "Do good to those who persecute you."

"Come unto me all ye who are weary and I will give you rest."

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting life."



Practical men of His day said of him that he was impractical, a dreamer. Yet there were others who carried his sayings in their hearts and lived them day by day so that they have come down to us, not as musty epigrams of a past civilization, but as living truths for our own day.

ALMOST COMPLETED

OUR EXPANSION FUND LACKS JUST \$75 in reaching the \$1400 mark, according to the office reports. WHO WILL GIVE THE \$75?

EXPANSION FUND

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Willis VanAlstine, Mrs. F. Worrell, Mrs. F. S. VanAlstine, W. M. Keenan, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Gayle Scott, Jean Scott.

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NEW TIME

The church service will begin at 10:10 during the summer. The organ prelude will begin at 10:05. This will enable the service to close 20 minutes earlier than on winter time. Barring baptisms or other extras that become necessary the service will close at 11:30 a.m.

WHO CAN COMPLAIN OF THE HEAT THIS SUMMER WHEN OUR MEN IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ARE STANDING 140 DEGREES IN THE SHADE. THERE CAN BE NO EXCUSE THESE DAYS FOR NOT BEING IN CHURCH, WHEN IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE. "QUIT YE LIKE MEN, BE STRONG," IS THE SCRIPTURAL INJUNCTION.

**Come to Church and Appreciate the
Privilege of Being Free**

SUNDAY 6:30 P.M.

Christian Youth Fellowship will meet this Sunday evening. Miss Ella Dyer will have charge of the worship. A good program is planned. Miss Gayle Scott is the president. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Halleck are the sponsors. All youth of the church are invited.

NOTES

Mr. Brashear is reported to be improving. He is at the Methodist Hospital.

Our minister spoke before the officers and teachers of St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church School. Dr. John Myers is the pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeannette were the dinner guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Miss Mabel Haynes is a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital, Room 471.

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Mrs. Charles Dare was an instructor in the Young People's Conference at Lake Wawasee.

Mrs. Lynn Miller will be an instructor in two young people's conferences at Bethany Park.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Miss Sarah Shroyer is attending the Indiana Adult Conference at Lake Wawasee this week. This is an annual conference in this state. Mr. Joseph Fitch is also attending this conference. This is one of the great adult conferences.

We have received communications from our representatives that indicate they are having an unusually fine experience.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, 3115. South Wayne Avenue. She is now a member of our Cradle Roll.

SERVICE MEN'S WIVES CLUB

Will have a picnic supper Sunday evening, July 9th, at 5 o'clock. The picnic will be in the small pavilion at Foster Park. Food and table service will be furnished by the committee in charge.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Rachel Group will meet with Mrs. Margaret Owen, 1323 E. Pontiac St., Tuesday, July 11th, at 2:15 p.m.

HONOR ROLL

The following have their pledges paid to June 30, 1944:

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Adams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mrs. Stella Burkhalter, Miss Jean Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mrs. Mary Barnett, Mrs. Estella Binkley, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bowker, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Broxon, r. and Mrs. Gerald Broxon, Mrs. W. W. Bundy, Mildred Bingham, Mrs. Joseph Baxter, Mrs. E. Carles, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Irene Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cohlentz, Miss E. Crabill, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Cramer, Mrs. C. E. Cremer, James Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cruse.

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SERVICE SUNDAY

Minister's Sermon: "How One Can Make His Religion Big Enough"

How is religion effecting you? Do you sometimes think that religion is a fake? When you hear the word, religion, what do you think about? During this war what kind of religion have you trusted in? Are you religious as some people are superstitious? When you feel most realistic do you feel religious?

Come to church Sunday and hear our minister face these problems with you. Is your religion big enough?

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

A large summer congregation was in church last Sunday. Many, many spoke of the good they are receiving from our church. Hear these sermons designed to help you through hard days.

OUR MUSIC

Under the leadership of Mr. Gerald Miller, our choir is doing excellent work. Last Sunday's anthem was inspiring. Our soloists have been superb.

Many are coming to church and are receiving a blessing. Be at church next Sunday, time 10:10 A.M.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

All adult classes will meet together. Reports will be given by those who attended the Summer Conferences. These reports will be of unusual interest to everyone. Classes are to get reports, take offerings and keep careful records.

AT THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

Fine classes. Teachers are to be present or send substitutes.

Beginners and nursery children can remain in Children's House during the worship service. Bring your children with you.

Tuesday, July 18th

UNUSUAL PROGRAM FOR THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH—2:30 P.M.

Rev. G. W. Lucas, guest speaker. Subject, "International Problem".

Rev. Lucas, a negro of unusual background and training will bring a most interesting interpretation. Women! Do not miss this excellent program.

AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY

The church office, the minister's consultation room, the committee room will be open for inspection. The following ladies from the Women's Council will assist: Martha Circle—Mrs. C. D. Dilis, Mrs. M. Kimble; Ruth Circle—Mrs. L. Nichols, Mrs. C. F. Durfee; Dorcas Circle—Mrs. Ray Barnett, Mrs. J. C. Gerrard; Esther Circle—Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Jos. Siples; Rachel Circle—Mrs. I. Cline, Mrs. A. O. Schell; Naomi Circle—Mrs. D. Hogg, Mrs. Georgia Ellison.

These beautiful rooms will delight all who come. The furniture in the minister's room was furnished by the Women's Council. The beautiful drapes in this room were given by Mrs. Martin Kimble. The lighting was supervised by Mr. Joseph M. Fitch. Twelve beautiful folding chairs were given by Mr. H. W. Sigrist. Mr. Walter Burkhold and his committee from the trustees. Mr. E. P. Baker and his committee have helped to bring us through in the financial side. And all who worked or contributed money will rejoice in this added equipment that makes our plant more efficient.



Academic Building, Jarvis Christian College

● JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY

◆
1912 - 1944
◆

Jarvis Christian College, Hawkins, Texas, is celebrating its 32nd anniversary this spring. On Janu-

ary 1, 1912, the clearing of the ground and the erection of buildings for the school were begun. On January 13, 1913, school was started with thirteen elementary students.

From this beginning has evolved the fully accredited senior college which today enrolls 134 Negro young people even in the war years which take most of the young men into the armed forces.

Eighteen states have been represented in the enrollment, and one student has come from Africa. College enrollment has grown from one student in 1920 to a peak of 237 in 1942, with 28 graduates.

The property acreage has been increased from the original gift of 456 acres to 874½, divided into virgin timber, pasture, farm and campus. There are twenty-four buildings on the fifty acre plot which makes up the campus.

Jarvis has always made provision for students unable to assume full financial responsibility for school expenses.

Jarvis has served the community in every possible way, leading in educational and cultural work, and giving special attention to the needs of the churches in the area.

Jarvis is sending her graduates into every section of eastern Texas, and into nearby states, as teachers in public schools, civic leaders, and preachers.

Two presidents have served through this entire history — Dr. J. N. Irvin from 1914 to 1938, Dr. Peter C. Washington from 1938 to the present time.

● HOPE SANATORIUM

Little by little, this hospital, which was begun in May, 1942, with makeshift equipment, is acquiring the look of a real hospital, and is able to serve more efficiently. The low cots are being replaced by hospital beds. Tables and equipment have been purchased for the delivery and the operating rooms. In the kitchen is a gas stove, one of the few in the city. Up to this time the staff has managed all the cooking on a two-burner oil stove.

Of great satisfaction to the mission and the committee from the church which sponsors the hospital, is the coming of a very competent evangelical nurse to join the staff. Her name is Miss Esperanza Rodriguez, educated in the Baptist nurses' training school at Puebla.

● PROPORTIONATE GIVING

"Giving is a spiritual problem rather than a matter of mathematical computation. Some insist that no one is a Christian who does not give a tenth. Others insist that the tithe is an Old Testament measure and is wholly unworthy of a Christian in the modern world. The record is comparatively clear, however, that proportionate giving is almost universal among those who are sensitive to the needs of the world."

Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem . . .



*Behold,
I send forth
the promise
of
my Father
upon you.*

—LUKE 24:45
AND 49.

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OUR BOY IN ENGLAND REMEMBERS HIS CHURCH

Kenneth Schell, gunner and engineer, who has made over 100 bombing flights over Europe, writes from England about religion. He says we are told that there are no atheists in the fox holes in the islands of the southwest Pacific. He continues, I can say there are no atheists in the planes that fly over Europe. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell, had sent him a book of Devotions. He has been reading this to the men in his flying squad and they like it.

But this fine young man does more than write, he tells his father to sign him up for one dollar a week to his church. This is really a fine testimony, coming, as it does, from one of our very own. Thank you, Kenneth. You now belong to our "Dollar or More Club."

NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keith are the parents of a son born July 10th. Congratulations, and with them congratulations to his aunt, Miss Elsie Keith.

Mrs. William Doyle Bennett is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. J. C. Forshea, who has been in the Methodist Hospital, is improving.

Mrs. Mabel Haynes is recuperating at the St. Joseph Hospital.

We are glad to report new members in the "Dollar or More Per Week" club: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. O. S. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pollard, Kenneth Schell.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The executive meeting of the Woman's Council will meet at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 18th. The General Council will present their program at 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PAY PLEDGES THROUGH THE SUMMER

Miss Katherine Dowty, who will be away for the summer, came into the office and left her pledge money for the summer.

Mr. H. W. Segrist paid his pledge in advance to care for Sundays he would be unable to attend.

RE: ELDERS

At a recent Official Board meeting it was decided to ask the Elders serving at the table also to remain at the exits for the purpose of greeting both members and strangers.

HONOR ROLL

In addition to last week we report the following who have their pledges paid until June 30th: Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, Miss Kathryn Dowty, Miss Emma Dorris, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Drewett, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Duffee, Miss Ella Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dilts, Martha Dilts, Mrs. Ida Mae England, Mrs. Henry Ehle, Mr. and Mrs. James Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frame, M. W. Fitch and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Follis, Wanda Jean Follis, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fusselman, Mrs. Lillian Cagnon, Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gerrard, Miss F. Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gorham, Mrs. Anna Hartshorn, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haddox, James Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haffner, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Harrod, Miss Mabel Haynes, Miss Pearl Heidecker, Mr. and Mrs. M. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hilb'sh, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hiler, Mrs. A. Hirschy, Mrs. F. Hobbs, Mrs. Chas. F. Hostman and family, Mrs. Olga Heidecker, Miss Mildred I. Hartman.—To be continued.

EXPANSION FUND

We are happy to report these additional names of those who have shared in the Expansion Fund: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaskill, Mrs. Harold Simmers, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cleo Halleck, Mrs. O. S. Miller, Mrs. Lorena F. Christen, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Schlatter.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, 6:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Program in charge of Miss Doris Sweeney. Social period in charge of Leonard Horn and Miss Grace Hershey.

Miss Henrietta Kissinger, program chairman.

Miss Gayle Scott, president.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Halleck, sponsors.

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SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Morning Worship, 10:10 A.M.

Sermon: HOW GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU!

Do you often feel alone in the right?

Does God stand by you?

As you struggle, does God fight for you?

Come! Hear this sermon! We appreciate the way our members are coming to church on time. This expresses beautifully our members' respect for their church.

SPLENDID MUSIC

Our choir, under the leadership of Mr. Gerald Miller, is bringing us choice religious music, finely interpreted.

The congregational singing in our church last Sunday was inspiring.

This is the time to bring guests—Your church calls you to worship.

Your presence at the Lord's Supper is a witness of your faith.

Your thoughtless absence tends to repudiate your witness.

"MY FIRST AND LAST THOUGHT"

An official of our church remarked the other day "My first thought on awakening and my last thought before falling asleep is our church". What a heartening thing for the minister to hear. And we have that sort of members. Such people make a great church.

This man has real joy in the life of his church. You can have the same experience. But you must think of your church affectionately.

If we are ever to have lasting peace, we must increase the number of those who love sincerely Christ and His Church.

WE BUILD FOR TOMORROW

Recently the treasurer of our church, Mr. John Davis, marked the bond, he is buying through the institution where he is employed, for the FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. He said, in giving his reason, "Some day we are going to build a beautiful new church building. The members of the church will do this. We can't do this by just thinking about it. We have to begin laying back money for our Church Expansion. So I am beginning." This marks vision. Without vision the people perish. Without vision any church will pass out of the picture. Let us build for tomorrow. Begin today tomorrow's church.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday, 9:30 A.M. Pupils please be on time.

Every teacher present. If for any reason a teacher cannot be present, he is to arrange for a substitute.

This is a good time for teachers and helpers to visit in the homes of your pupils.

Fine adult classes—departments for every age.

Children up to and including the beginner ages are kept at the Children's Home during the church worship hour.

A program is arranged for beginner children.

The flowers last Sunday were given by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fitch, Mrs. Anna Hirschy, in memory of Mrs. G. B. McCormick.

ZONING OUR CHURCH

Under the leadership of the chairman of the Official Board, Mr. A. O. Schell, our membership is to be zoned. Over each zone is to be placed a competent person. This will enable the church to keep in close contact with the work and program of the church. Further announcement of this program will be reported from time to time.

● IN RURAL MEXICO

"La Casa del Amigo" (The House of the Friend) is the small adobe home in rural Zacatecas, Mexico, where live two of our missionaries — Misses Florine Cantrell and Ruth Leslie. They are located on a ranch known as Los Haro, about twelve miles from Ciudad Garcia, the nearest town where they get mail and provisions.

This is an agricultural community where live perhaps 800 people, in a valley dotted with ranches like Los Haro, who spend their days eking out a mere existence of corn, beans and chili, with almost no cultural or educational opportunities. There is a primary school of three grades, a small Catholic Church with no resident priest, three tiny grocery stores, two grist mills, and a graveyard.

Our mission offers a clinic under Miss Cantrell, a nurse, with health service to people who come in from the many ranches in the valley; the beginning of a Christian education program on four of the ranches; and a social center with a reading room, clubs, radio, games, and Bible lessons. Just before Easter this year it was used for a week of evangelistic

services, led by a layman from Mexico City, who gave a month to this sector. A few adults are learning to read and write, using the Laubach method.

The missionaries watch eagerly for any opportunity to serve the people in evangelism, religious education, and health.

● NEW WORKERS IN CONGO

Fifteen graduates of Congo Christian Institute, our mission school near Bolenge, were sent out last year to take their places in the stations and villages as preachers and teachers. Six returned to the Bolenge field, five to Lotumbe, two to Monieka, one to Mondombe, and one to Coquilhatville.

The new term opened on November 11 with 21 new men and, since 20 brought their wives, room had to be found for 41 new people. Entrance examinations had been given on the stations earlier in the year to 41 men, but there was no room for the others. This was the largest number to make application for entrance in any one of the fifteen years of I. C. C.

Five missionaries and five native teachers make up the staff of the school.

CHRISTIANITY MUST GO ON

More people realize today than ever before that peace of mind is not tied up in material things; that without an inner harmony, there is no peace. The Christian has been able to find in the midst of all persecution and under all conditions the poise that men want.

The Christian is concerned with poverty, disease and ignorance. The postwar world will speed up the importance of relief and reconstruction. It will be the way of bringing missionary work into the stream of thinking. Everybody, including government, is concerned with the problem of reconstruction. Missions will make clear that no reconstruction is ever complete until the individual is reoriented in faith.

Seventy per cent of the world is illiterate. That fact in itself is enough to throw consternation into the soul of Christians who are concerned with the salvation of the world; but there is hope, for Dr. Frank Laubach who went out to the Philippines twenty-five years ago worked out a method whereby he could teach adult illiterates to read. In 1944 Dr. Laubach is visiting nine South American countries setting up, with the help of missionaries and church leaders, a movement which will reach a part of the seventy million illiterates in Latin America.

Christianity must go — on. Its basic task is the construction of the whole life around faith in God through Christ.

— Mae Yoho Ward.



"See that ye despise not one of these little ones . . . it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

—MATTHEW 18:10, 14.

NOTES

Mr. W. H. Collier who has been confined to his home for some time is now much improved.

Mrs. O. S. Miller is in the Methodist Hospital.

Mr. J. C. Koegel has been confined to his home through sickness.

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YOUTH PICNIC

Youth are to meet at the church at 6:00 P.M. Sunday where cars will be ready to carry them to one of our beautiful parks for a picnic and a conference type vesper service.

Grace Hirschy and Leonard Horn are to give reports on a recreation program as taught in the Youth Conference.

WELCOME

We extend a most cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Grant T. Munson who were baptized Tuesday evening at the church. They have two beautiful children who will be a part of our church school. They reside at 2720 South Fairfield.

We also cordially welcome Mrs. Alice Ann Beasley, 1615 Harrison Street, who placed her membership with the church last Sunday. She is associated with her brother, Paul Parsons, in the Paul Parsons, Inc., an engineering and manufacturing concern. Mrs. Beasley's husband is in the armed forces overseas.

We also welcome cordially Mrs. Ruth Evans into the membership of the church. Mrs. Evans is bringing her membership from the First Christian Church of New Castle, Indiana. Mrs. Evans' husband is in the armed forces overseas. Mrs. Evans was received in the church last Sunday. She lives at 933 E. Berry St.

LAKODA CLASS

The LaKoda Bible Class were happy to have several former members back home again last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trumbower from Yoder, Indiana, and Miss Marion Trumbower, a WAVE, was with us again once more.

Mr. Delmas Young will serve as teacher of the class during the remainder of July. They will meet in the new committee on the balcony.

EXPANSION FUND

Funds continue to come which assure us that necessary improvements will be made. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Weist, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Mannan are among those who are bringing or sending in their share.

HONOR ROLL

The following in addition to last report have their pledges paid to June 30th: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jordan, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Juday, Miss Elsie Keith, Norman King, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kimble, Mrs. J. C. Koegel, Mrs. C. F. Kollman, C. J. Kollman, Mrs. E. W. Kover, Miss Beatrice Lehman, Mrs. Louise Lacy, Mrs. H. M. Lehman, C. A. Lehneke, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leversee, Kathryn Leversee, Donna Leversee, Mrs. E. Lohman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCarel, Miss Marguerite McGuire, Mrs. Mary McKinley, Miss Helen McLennan, Mrs. C. R. McMaken, Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mrs. E. T. Metcalfe, Miss Lulu Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Miss Leah Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Jessie Miller, Mrs. O. S. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moffit, Mrs. F. E. Morrical, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Morkoetter, Mrs. Lynn Miller, Mrs. N. Newland, Mrs. L. Nichols, Mrs. J. L. Nowells, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Orchard, Mrs. Margaret Owen, Miss Ernie Owen, Mrs. A. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pritchard.—To be continued.

"ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?"

By J. S. F.

"I love my home church so much, I can't move my church membership," one said to me last week. "Was it that love that made you leave your membership there?" I asked. "Sure," came the answer, "What else did you leave because you loved it?" was the next question. "Did you through love leave a child, piece of furniture, car, clothing, or even a dog?" It turned out that every loved and valued possession was moved except the church letter. Look's suspicious, doesn't it?—The Church Bell.

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SUNDAY'S SERVICES

Morning Worship: 10:10 A.M.

Sermon: Where Will We Break Through?

This is a sermon for those who are reading the daily paper and are not sure of what they can do.

Do you get tired in the struggle you are carrying on? How can you turn it into a victory? You want your dear ones to carry through. What can you tell them? What can you write them?

COME SUNDAY—COME PREPARED TO WORSHIP—BRING YOUR FRIEND

Hear Our Minister—The Sermon Is on the Texture of Living

OUR MUSIC

Did you hear our people sing last Sunday? Better still were you singing also?

Our choir under the leadership of Mr. Miller is bringing great worshipful music. It is a privilege to be in such a choir. The **Recessional** was the anthem last Sunday. Another great anthem this Sunday.

"OH, GOD, DON'T LET OUR BOYS KNOW"—SAID THIS SOLDIER

"A few weeks ago a soldier returned to his Memphis home from Guadalcanal. His parents met him at the station at 10:15 Sunday morning. Immediately after the exchange of sacred greetings—the mother said, "Son, let's hurry home. I cooked for you the best chicken dinner you ever tasted." "But Mother," he said, "This is Sunday and it is almost time for church." "Why yes," replied the mother, "But I did not think you would want to go to church today. You have just returned from the battle front, you are tired, you will need a bath and rest, and I thought you would like to call in some of your friends for a visit and to share the Sunday dinner."

"Mother," said the boy with deep feeling, "I had rather go to church today, than any place in the world." To church they went. The boy was moved deeply; mostly because of what he did not find at the church. After the benediction he went quickly to the pastor. His first words were, "Pastor, what is wrong? They have been telling us in Guadalcanal that all of the churches at home are filled with praying people, agonizing for the boys on the battle fronts, and praying for a spiritual victory. The church is not full, and I have not heard any agonizing prayers for the dying and suffering soldier boys."

As the pastor turned away, the soldier was heard to say with deep feeling, "Oh, God, don't let the boys at Guadalcanal find out about it."—Baptist Standard.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday—9:30 A.M.

Every teacher present—if absent provide a GOOD substitute.

There were twenty in our nursery Sunday.

Fine provision—fine environment—fine response from parents.

A parent said, "my child brings home something every Sunday. Some new idea or suggestion to carry out during the week. She is getting something out of Sunday School." Why? Because the teachers in that department are coming prepared. They have a program that is meeting the needs and interest of children.

Adult classes are in session with good leaders.

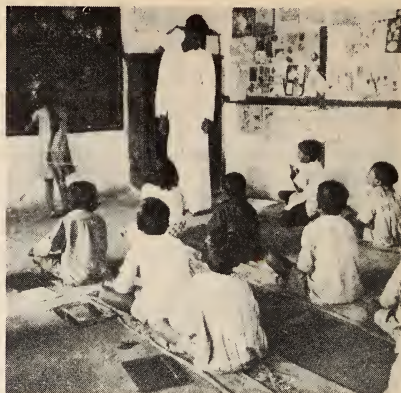
Classes for every age.

BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE CHURCH SCHOOL—THAT IS THE RIGHT WAY

● A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

In a poor section of the city of Bilaspur, our India Mission conducts a little primary school which has made a fine record for itself. The Indian principal keeps the standards so high that inspectors bring other teachers to observe and learn from him. All of his students are able to pass the government examinations if they are at all regular in their attendance.

The children sit on the floor, which is the Indian custom. They use slates because paper is scarce. Their equipment is far from adequate but the most modern methods are used and their work is of the highest quality.



● S. S. "OREGON" IS BUSY

This steamship for the Congo Mission, built in Pittsburgh in 1909, continues to be "Good News" to the villages along the many rivers on which she travels. The report for last year shows her record as follows:

Number of trips made.....	12
Days away from port.....	214
White passengers carried.....	88
Native passengers carried.....	386

If all these passengers had had to pay fare, or if the Mission had had to pay for the cargo carried, it would have cost about \$1550.00. In addition, the crew of the OREGON helped in repair work in the homes and hospitals of the stations when in port.



● THIS LIBRARY TRAVELS

The traveling library of Southern Christian Institute has recently made two trips, on each of which ten rural schools were visited and books, magazines and pictures distributed. The library has recently received from the women's councils of Missouri a fine collection of pictures, framed and unframed, which it is a joy to lend to such isolated groups.

● COMMENCEMENT IN BUENOS AIRES

With summer vacation coming in December, Colegio Ward in Buenos Aires, in which our Mission cooperates, last year graduated fifty-four students out of the largest enrollment of its history — almost one thousand. Two hundred three of that number were boarding students.

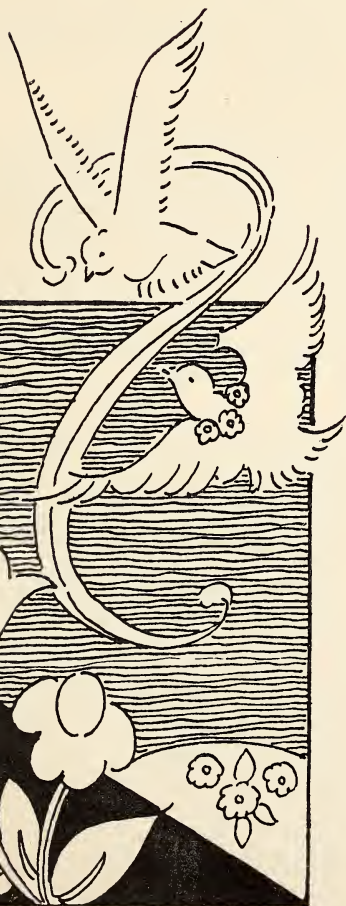
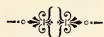
The school is divided into two sections, English-speaking and Spanish-speaking. Malcolm Norment, Jr., son of our missionary to Paraguay, was among the twenty-two graduating from the English-speaking section. The Spanish-speaking section had twenty-one graduates, and the commercial department, eleven.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McWilliams are our missionaries assigned to Colegio Ward. In addition to their teaching responsibilities, Mr. McWilliams has charge of the religious education program, and Mrs. McWilliams is matron of the boys' dormitory.

Sing Unto Jehovah

*For, lo, the winter is past;
The rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds
is come,
And the voice of the turtle dove
is heard in our land;*

—Song of Solomon 2:11, 12.



*Oh come, let us sing unto Je-
hovah;
Let us make a joyful noise to
the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence
with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise unto
him with psalms.
For Jehovah is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.*

—Psalms 95:1-3.

WELCOME

We are happy to record on our membership Mrs. Frederick R. Detloff, who came into our church on Sunday. Mrs. Detloff is to be one of the teachers in program of religious education in the public schools of Fort Wayne. Mrs. Detloff will remain in this city while her husband, Dr. Detloff, a captain, remains in the armed forces overseas. Mrs. Detloff's membership is in the First Christian Church of Greencastle, Indiana, and was a member of this church when Rev. Beck was minister in that city.

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HONOR ROLL

The following completes the list of those whose pledges are paid to June 30. If your name has been omitted and should be there please call the church office: Mrs. Jessie Richwine, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Riehmiller, Mrs. E. B. Riley, Mrs. Anna Robinson, Mrs. F. H. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rousseau, Miss Edna Saxon, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schlatter, Mrs. Grace Schweikhart, Miss Lorea Sheline, Mrs. Mae Sheline, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sentman, Mrs. A. R. Shockey, Miss Ethel Shroyer, Miss Sarah Shroyer, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. Harrison Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Siples, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Somers, Miss Hazel Swinehart, Miss Ollie Swinehart, Mrs. Gertrude Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Treace, Miss Harriet Treace, Mrs. F. S. VanAlstine, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Alstine, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Varner, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaurht, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Vevey, Mrs. Flora Virts, Jerome F. Wellman, Mr. and Mrs. George Weddle, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Weaver, Mrs. Bertha Welch, Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. J. H. Whitbey, Mrs. Chas. B. Whitman, Mrs. Paul Whitton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, Mrs. C. W. Winfield, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Worley, Mr. Carl Wright, Miss Nancy Fay Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. N. Yonkman, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Young.

EXPANSION FUND

The following additional names have been added: Mrs. Harry Lomont, Mrs. Harold Simmers. If you have not paid your share please do so at once.

DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle of the Woman's Council will meet with Mrs. William Crouse, 3405 Alexander St., Thursday afternoon, August 3rd, at 2:00 o'clock.

NOTES

The nominating committee of the Youth group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Halleck Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck and daughter, Martha Jeannette, were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sigrist this week at their home on the lake, "Paradise Found."

Mrs. DeWitt has been a patient in Saint Joseph hospital suffering from a heart attack.

Recently our minister spoke before the chapel session of the Good Will Industry of this city.

A GIFT

Our minister is the recipient of a beautiful statue, life size, of Lincoln's head. It is a copy of Volk's Lincoln. Volk in 1860 made a mask of Lincoln's head and neck on March the 31st of that year. From this mask he fashioned this famous study of his head. This bust of neck and head were all done from actual measurements. Our minister has long been a student of Lincoln's life. This gift from Mr. Donald L. Crouse "will live" in the minister's office.

DEATH

Mrs. O. S. Miller passed away on Monday morning at eight o'clock at the Methodist hospital. She passed away just a few months after the passing of her husband. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

THE SERVICE MEN'S WIVES CLUB

The Service Men's Wives Club is holding a Rummage Sale, Saturday, August 12th, at 1421 S. Calhoun. The money earned from this sale is to be used for projects concerning all the Service Men of our Church. Our group is small and since so many of the wives are employed we need help outside of the Circle to collect the rummage, and to help out the day of the sale. If any one has any rummage or can offer a few hours of their time please call Mrs. Clipp, H-77371, or any member of the Club.

The Service Men's Wives Club will meet Sunday evening August 6th at the home of Mrs. Edwin Geerken, 3420 S. Broadway.

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SUNDAY SERVICES—10:10 A. M.

Sermon Subject: When We Really Try

Often we become skeptical about the principles of Jesus. Do we have any evidence that we can make Christianity work? The sermon for this Sunday is for those who want to know how to make Christianity work in their own lives and in the life of the church.

This is our minister's last sermon before he goes on his vacation.

A new high record has been set for attendance this summer. Everyone has been enjoying these summer services. Many have welcomed the opportunity to come together and pray for our country and our dear loved ones in the service of their country. How can we do less when they are doing so much?

Come to church Sunday. Use all the resources we have for good.

WE SING IN OUR CONGREGATION

It has been delightful to see the people sing at church. To share in the singing is to share in the worship. We should follow the words as well as the music. Some of these great hymns are the treasures of the church. They have brought strength and comfort and inspiration to the thousands that have sung them from their hearts.

Great Music from the Choir—Great Singing in the Congregation

A Great Spirit of Reverence and Worship

Will Bring Us Close to God.

THERE WILL BE SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUNDAY

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A. M.

The High Cost of War

Mr. Harold E. Adams, our faithful associate superintendent, left this Friday to enter into the armed forces of our country. He leaves a place that is hard to fill. He has been faithful and intelligent in his work. His pleasant and kindly manner has won him many friends. Mrs. Adams has worked with the children in the cradle roll. His little daughter will be a year old in August. We shall miss this lovely family from our church life. We pray God's blessing to follow them and hasten their return to this church.

Excellent classes for our children in the children's house. Younger ones from the beginner's age thru the nursery are kept during the preaching and worship service.

Adult classes meet at the same period for study and discussion. Bring the whole family. Come to the Church School.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● A FULL SCHEDULE

Mexican Christian Institute at San Antonio, Texas, now has seven full-time workers on the job:

E. G. Luna — Director of the Institute, making all contacts with civic, social service and health agencies; supervisor of the boys' department with seven clubs and a Boy Scout Troop.

Miss Leona Hood — In charge of kindergarten, Mothers' Club, Home Nursing Class, Sick Clinic, and the bookkeeping.

Miss Twila Burns — In charge of six girls' clubs, Girl Scout Troop, and library.

Miss Thelma Buhmiller — In charge of weekly clinics and classes, and playground each afternoon.

Miss Velia Rodriguez — Assists in the kindergarten and with girls' clubs, does home visitation.

Miss Florence Rodriguez — General office work and records.

Eusebio Villarreal — Custodian.



● JUDGE NOT

Before you condemn minority pleadings, just think how you would feel if you weren't wanted — not *after* having had a chance to prove your worth, but *before* and *regardless*!

Remember that America was founded by men and women who were annoyed to action by restrictions — on jobs, in lands where trades descended from father to son; on religion, where no man could hold office who did not adhere to the creed of the State; on speech, where the secret police dogged the steps of those who thought for themselves.

There is no such thing as equality of possessions — but there must be equality of opportunity. We can provide the education, tradition, and background to give everyone a chance if he has what it takes. As stronger members of society, it is up to us, but we must do it by understanding and friendliness, not by restrictions or discrimination.

● PARAGUAY REPORTS

The Good Neighbor Policy indirectly benefits the cause of missions in South America. The interchange of students and professors, the going and coming of many people of the two continents on missions of all sorts affords the South American an opportunity of discovering that Protestantism is not the sickly exotic thing he has been taught to believe. It brings into the South American communities the liberalizing influence of people brought up on traditions of tolerance and unselfish good will, even in the field of religion.

Protestant mission schools are overflowing with students. Enrollment in our school, Colegio Internacional, last year was 435. The graduating class numbered 28. A score or more of its alumni and teachers were studying in the United States last year.

A prolonged epidemic of infantile paralysis closed all Sunday schools for several months, affecting church activities seriously. Our Asuncion church received eight by baptism and four by fellowship during the year. Along with the work carried on in Spanish, a congregation of English-speaking people is being built up, which numbers at times as high as seventy.

Work among the lepers is expanding rapidly. Now a trained nurse is living within the leper camp. During the furlough of M. L. Norment one of the Paraguayan members of our Asuncion church will assume the responsibilities of our mission there. Mr. Charles Miller, an American, is superintendent of the community farm and will inaugurate a community dairy at the leper camp. Two new buildings were constructed last year, and two more are about to be put up. Regular preaching services are held.

Love

Is the universal language which speaks through the heart
instead of the ear —

*I saw the little children of the earth
Pass by me in a line.*

*They blurred before my eyes — became one child,
And that one child was mine.*

—Grace Noll Crowell.



OUR MEN GO TO CHURCH

We are in receipt of a letter from Floyd E. Morrical, S/lc. He is on the USS Dempsey. He said, "I have been receiving the Tidings and am sure glad to get them. My good wife sends me each Sunday's morning service program. I am so glad things are going so well. We don't have much chance of going to church services unless the ship is where we can go to church. My ship doesn't have a chaplain. I have missed four or five Sundays since being away. The places we attend church on the islands are built like the native type homes. Though quaint they serve the purpose. Sometimes we go to the larger ships for services. It is interesting to note how eager a lot of fellows are to go to church. Only once have I noticed a small attendance, and I guess there was a reason for this. The people back home don't know and realize how fortunate they are to have such fine churches and services. It seems I can see the church in all its glory and activity on Sunday morning. I hope and pray we are all worthy of such good things and protection. God has been good to me. We are looking forward to getting back and taking up where we left off months ago." These remarks were condensed from his fine letter. We say, all strength to you, Floyd, and hurry home.

C. P. CLUB

The C. P. Club was organized this last Thursday. The following officers were elected: James Clark, president; Norman Horn, vice-president; James Crouse, scribe; William Sefton, treasurer; Robert Whitten, first ranger; John Gaskill, second ranger; James Davis, first scout; Doyle Whitten, second scout; Ronald Barnett, third scout. This group is preparing a program of study and activities for the boys of the church.

C. Y. F.

The Christian Youth Fellowship group, at their regular Sunday evening meeting, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Kathryn Leversee; vice-president, Leonard Horn; secretary, Elsie Keith; treasurer, Anita Fitch; study committee, Henrietta Kissinger; worship, Ella Dyer; personnel, Doris Sweeney; recreation, Grace Hirschy and Leonard Horn; service and social action, Virginia Dare and Martha Dilts.

The C. Y. F. will meet at the usual time next Sunday evening, Miss Anita Fitch will be the leader.

SERVICE MEN'S WIVES CLUB

Don't forget to turn in your rummage for the Service Men's Wives Rummage Sale, August 12th. Call H-77371 or any member of the Club.

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Woman's Council

For the August meeting of the Woman's Council an evening meeting is planned to which every body, young and old, is welcome. The date is Tuesday, August 15th, at 8:00 o'clock. See next week's Tidings for the program. Following the program there will be a fun-fest, planned by the Dorcas Circle. The entertainment will take the form of, "a breakfast at Sardi's." Write now a "Good Neighbor" letter and mail to Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 3915 S. Lafayette, zone 5. These letters will be read at that time.

NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Beck and daughter, Martha Jeannette, were the dinner guests at the Haffner country home on last Thursday evening.

Rev. Beck is attending the minister's short course at the University of Chicago this week. He will be in his pulpit on Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Newland is in the Lutheran Hospital for observation.

HONOR ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Berlein, Mrs. G. C. Cahow, Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaskill, Mrs. Maurice Halleck, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Halleck, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. Harold Roberts, Miss Jean Scott, Mrs. Lillian Scott, Mrs. C. F. Scherrer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sefton, Miss Bernice Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Teeters, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Broxon, Hazelhurst Drive, in the birth of a nine pound, one and one-half ounce baby daughter, Sylvia Alberta, Friday, July 28th. Miss Sylvia arrived on her mother's birthday. Welcome, Miss Sylvia Broxon, and again congratulations to the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer F. Broxon.

NOTICE

Girls in Pioneer Group entitled to refund may have same by calling at the Church Office any morning during the week.

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PROF. ROBERT LAFOLLETTE TO SPEAK SUNDAY

SERVICES 10:10 A.M.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. Robert Lafollette, head of the department of sociology of Ball State Teachers College will be the guest speaker at Sunday morning's service.

Prominent in Religious Circles

Dr. Lafollette has been prominent in religious circles in this state. He has been the advisor to Christian Student Association. This organization is composed of Christian students in the various institutions of higher education in this state.

SUMMER LOYALTY

There has been a marked expression of loyalty in our membership, during the summer. Many guests have been in our services. Thanks to our hospitality committee and to the fine spirit of friendliness among our members, large numbers of them have been a part of the cordial atmosphere that is evidenced in our membership. Even now some of these have united with the church.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A. M.

The church school continues through the summer period. Give your children the advantage that comes from the lessons derived through the Church School.

There are good adult classes. Bring the family that is the right way.

OUR MINISTER TEACHES IN OHIO

This next week our minister will teach in the **Adult Conference** of the Disciples of Christ in Ohio. This conference is to be held at Otterbein College. Last year the conference had 187 in attendance. Rev. Beck will teach "Education In The Home."

GOOD NEIGHBOR LETTER

Have you written yours? If not, please do so at once. If we are to enjoy "Breakfast at Sardi's" next Tuesday evening, August 15th, we will need your Good Neighbor letter. Address them to Mrs. L. S. Sentman, 3915 S. Lafayette, 5.

WEEK DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

ATTENTION PARENTS! Beginning with the opening of school religious education will be offered for the first time in this city in the Public Schools. Though funds are available to teach only two grades in the public schools, the effect this will have in the years to come on the moral tone of our city can scarcely be measured. The city of Cattanooaga has had this type of school for twenty years with remarkable results.

Teachers of the finest training and of fine Christian characters will be in charge. All have had graduate training in addition to their college degrees. Few in our public school teaching force have had as much training.

In order that your child have this advantage, parents are required to sign a card authorizing their children to attend these classes. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS IN OUR MEMBERSHIP SEE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED.

THIS CHURCH AND ITS OFFICIAL BOARD HAVE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS PROGRAM.

WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

We were happy to welcome into the church Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby and Miss Dorothy Murphy. Miss Murphy and Mr. Flowers came by baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Flowers have three lovely boys. Mr. Flowers is connected with our daily newspaper, The News-Sentinel. Miss Murphy is connected with the Lincoln Life Insurance company. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby come from Centerville Christian church. We are glad to have these people who are the parents of our Mrs. Edwin G. Geerkin.

The church has received eighty members since the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Beck.

OUR COUNCIL WITH A GOOD TIME PROGRAM

RECREATION — FELLOWSHIP — INSPIRATION

TUESDAY EVENING 8:00 P. M.
YOU ARE INVITED TO COME

● ILLITERACY IN AFRICA

According to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, 93% of the people of Africa cannot read or write, and the teaching of the people is complicated by the fact that there are 800 different languages. In some of the languages there are only a handful of books or pamphlets; men away from their homes for war industry cannot write to their families; others recently introduced to money do not know how to manage it; and the hope of self-government by native peoples is practically nil until they can learn to read and write.

Thousands of Christian missionaries are now engaged in teaching people to know how to teach others.

In our own Congo Mission, one of the first tasks of the missionaries was to reduce to writing the native language. Today we have 7,500 students in our 300 schools.

● MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Miss Margaret Lawrence and Mrs. Edna Gish, en route to West China to take up again their work with our China Mission, spent five months on the way and had fellowship with many other missionaries.

Their first stop was in Buenos Aires with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. McWilliams, and the pastors and leaders of our five churches in the city. Here they took part in the dedication of the new union seminary building while waiting for further transportation.

In South Africa, they found Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hobgood of the Congo Mission who were on the way home for furlough.

Arriving in India, they stopped in Bilaspur to visit our India Mission. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gamboe and Miss Vida Elliott met them at the train. Others came for dinner that evening — Dr. Hope Nicholson, Miss Elizabeth Hill and Miss Ethel Shreve. The next day Dr. Sukhnandan and Mr. Samuel Masih came in from other stations, eager for the latest news from their friends in the United States. Miss Leta May Brown of Pendra Road arrived at lunch time. On the way to Mungeli, they met Dr. Victor Rambo. At Takhatpur they stopped to see Mr. and Mrs. Don McGavran. In Mungeli at last they were met by Miss Anna Cowdry, Miss Neva Nicholson, Mrs. Rambo, Mrs. Sukhnandan, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin White. In Bilaspur that evening they found Mr. Herman Reynolds of Pendra Road who visited with them while waiting for the train.

Finally in Chungking, they were able to greet some of the national workers they had known in occupied China, before they went on to Chengtu, their destination.

● HAZEL GREEN STUDENTS WILL DO THEIR SHARE

The 4-H Club of Hazel Green Academy held its first meeting this year on February 1st, with the county agent present. After election of officers, he explained the various projects of the Club and their vital part in the war effort. Especially emphasized were gardening, canning and poultry raising. Each member will do his share toward the food program for the nation.



War and Missions

Six of our missionaries have long been interned — O. J. Goulter in China; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Huber and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, with little Freddie, in the Philippines; and Dr. Fred Henderson (of Africa), now in Switzerland, having escaped from the German prison camp.

Two of our mission fields are entirely closed for the present — Japan and the Philippines.

Our work in China has been removed hundreds of miles to the west, from the occupied area around Nanking, into Free China near Chungking.

Disturbed conditions due to exchange in Free China have increased the cost of living to such an extent that the gravest emergencies are confronted both by missionaries and Chinese Christians in this area.

The opening of new roads between Burma and India into China is putting remote Tibet on the main highways, bringing possibilities for resumption of mission service in Batang.

Disrupted travel conditions upon the high seas make every voyage of missionaries an adventure of faith and heroism the like of which has never been recorded in our history.

And still they dare to go on. *"The fields are white unto the harvest."*

—DR. R. M. HOPKINS



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"Say a prayer for the boys in the air,
For those on land and on the sea,
For prayer is the thing that will win this
war,

A prayer from you and from me."

Master Sergeant Robert E. Hargrave.

Sergeant Hargrave is connected with the
Flying Fortress named "Nine Little Yanks
and a Jerk."

PEOPLE ARE COMING, MORE AND
MORE ON TIME. WE APPRECIATE THIS IN
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. IT IS A GOOD
PRACTICE TO GO INTO THE SANCTUARY
JUST A LITTLE EARLY SO, IN QUIET AND
PRAYER, YOU MAY PREPARE YOURSELF
FOR THE SERVICE.

When sarcastic half truths are habitually
and systematically spread by a man about
his wife it is called "mental cruelty" and she
gets a divorce, but when a thoughtless
church member does it to his church it is
called "freedom" and others of like spirits
gather around and take the spiritual glow
off an attractive program. Nothing is done
about it, but all the same there ought to be
a name for it and something should be done
about it. Perhaps praying would help. If it
isn't worth praying about, then we ought to
forget it.

Better housing for your church organiza-
tions may have to wait for materials, but
you can help to guarantee it now with the
growing gift of a War Bond. Pay your
church first.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

Your attention is called again to the meet-
ing of the Woman's Council Tuesday eve-
ning, August 15th at 8:00 o'clock in the
Church Basement. This is for everyone,
young and old, men and women. The pro-
gram will consist of a worship service con-
ducted by M. Cleo Halleck, Mrs. Charles
Dare will introduce the speaker, Mr. W. O.
Hughes, a lawyer acquainted with current
legislative issues. His subject will be "Legis-
lative Issues." This will be followed by a
forum. Musical numbers will be given by the
Misses Patrice Rariden and Jacquelyn Hard-
ing after which the Dorcas Circle will enter-
tain with 'Breakfast at Sardi's', assisted by
the Martha Circle as Hostesses.

RUMMAGE SALE

Don't forget to turn in your rummage for
the Service Men's Wives Club Rummage
Sale, August 12th. Call H-77371 or any
member of the Club.

BUSINESS GIRLS GUILD

The Business Girls and Young Matrons
Guild will meet with Misses Ethel and Sarah
Shroyer, 1509 Hurd St. Monday evening,
August 14th at 7:30. At this meeting the
Guild will begin the study of "The Ameri-
can Indiana".

LOST AND FOUND

We have here in the Office a man's wrist
watch, a bank, and several odd white
gloves. Owners may have them for the ask-
ing.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The sample folders displaying personal
cards are here and we urge you to see
Mrs. Vaughn very early as the supply of
cards are limited. The line is not as com-
plete as in former years but the cards are
lovely. I am sure you will be able to find
just what you want in Christmas cards.
Please make your choice early. Call H-50094.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Captain and Mrs. Watson on the birth of
Thomas Junior Captain Watson, air pilot,
was wounded over Bulgaria but was able
to bring his ship in. He is expected home
soon. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeannette
were the dinner guests recently of Mr. and
Mrs. Elmore N. Schlatter.

FIRST CHRISTIAN T I D I N G S

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REV. ROBERT M. HOPKINS, JR. TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Rev. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., Director of Religious Education, in the Fort Wayne Public Schools will be our guest speaker at the regular morning worship service next Sunday morning.

Sermon Topic: "A Great Venture in Education"

Rev. Hopkins will have an interesting and inspirational message for all of us. He is just beginning his work here in Fort Wayne, and this is our first opportunity to hear him. Let us all make a special effort to be present Sunday morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Plan to attend the Church School at 9:30 Sunday morning.

Classes for all ages led by competent teachers.

Attend both the regular worship service and church school.
Bring the whole family with you. Visitors are also welcome.

A LEADER PROMOTED WHEN HE WAS READY

Joshua was a God-promoted man. Joshua was a descendant of Joseph, a prince of the tribe of Ephraim, born in Goshen and trained as a soldier. God prepared Joshua for promotion. He climbed part of the mountain with Moses when Moses went to meet God. He was one of the two spies who advised immediate entrance into Canaan.

He had been faithful in his own place; had carried burdens; had watched, waited, and worked and had made himself ready for larger service. God promotes men as rapidly as they are ready for it. No man can rule well who has not learned to serve well.—Watchman-Examiner.

It is foolish to offer God the husks of life instead of giving Him the heart.—Charles M. Sheldon.

Let the past be not a stumbling-stone to cast us down but a building-stone to hold us up.—Wesleyan Methodist.

MUSIC

Music appeals to the depths of a man's being, giving expression to needs that cannot be voiced in speech and making evident the harmony of life. The central book of the Old Testament is composed of songs to be used in worship and the initial New Testament announcement of the Redeemer's birth is with choral singing. Singing a hymn was the final act in the upper room at the institution of the Lord's Supper. Apostolic worship, even in prison, included song, which Paul described as the melody of the heart. The last book of the Bible contains fragments of hymns sung by the early church.

With a wealth of high quality hymns available, churches never should be content with doggerel or sanctified jazz (or swing). The hymic heritage of modern Christianity transmits the insights of all types of experience and is a true symbol of Christian unity.

When congregational singing, solo and anthem, prelude and postlude, processional and recessional, are discriminatingly selected and properly placed in the continuity of worship they really lift souls toward God.

—Worship and The Devotional Life.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● ADVANCE —

TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE

The Congo Mission is steadily advancing. It is having a gain in membership of almost two thousand per year. At the end of 1943 its members totalled 53,482. That is a big number when one recalls that as late as 1907 there were only 150 members. Almost one thousand — 976 to be exact — native preachers meet regularly with their congregations to worship God at 1,145 places of meeting, scattered over the villages deep in these forests.

Students are learning to read and write — 7,500 of them, and to know and to follow God's laws, in the 300 schools held by the Mission. Religious Education is not confined to the short minutes of Sunday school classes.

Five hospitals, three of them supervised by doctors, treat over 20,000 patients yearly, giving over 200,000 treatments.

Those are all tangible, measurable advances. What of the intangible? Which is greater and which do you prefer — the chance interest aroused in the mind of an individual, deep in African paganism in a back country village, as he hears the Gospel preached once a year by a passing evangelist; or the steady development of mind and soul of a young lad housed in a mission dormitory, and nurtured in a mission school? Our hands must be strengthened to continue this constant advance in each of our stations. We must have adequate personnel to do this work which we feel you would want done.

— Dr. Donald H. Baker.

● YOURS IS THE POWER

Do you ever stop to look at a coin as you take it out to make some purchase? It is your life you hold in your hand. You have worked and given of your energy in return for that coin. Look beyond the coin in your hand — realize that



through it you can go to the ends of the earth. You can help Christ transform those burdens on men's backs all across the world into new opportunity for life.

Take those ordinary pieces of metal you handle every day, put them into the hands of your missionaries, and follow them with your interest and your prayers. Yours is the power — power beyond the dreams of man!



● CONFERENCE IN CHINA

February 1-6, this year, a union conference for senior high school students was held at the West China Theological Seminary in Chengtu, China, using the theme, "The Church and Youth." Out of twenty-six delegates, three were our Christian Church young people. This is a part of the National Christian Council work whereby they are endeavoring to reach the youth of the church and interest them in Christian service.

The results of the conference were most gratifying. All of the young people expressed a desire to serve in the church in some way, and six volunteered for full-time life service. One was Miss Louise Hagman, adopted Chinese daughter of our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Hagman who served many years in the hospital at Nantungchow. Miss Hagman plans to study medicine.

Living Water

“My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.”

—Jeremiah 2:13.



“With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name . . . Sing unto Jehovah; for he hath done excellent things.”

—Isaiah 12:3-5.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. George Barbier and family in the loss of their loved one, Mr. George Barbier, who passed away last Friday.

HOSPITAL PROJECT

Our Council Women will start the first week in September helping in the dining room at the Lutheran Hospital from 10:15 to 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Any woman in the church who would like to volunteer one or two days a month, please call Mrs. Dilts, H-3071, and give her your choice of days.

THANK YOU

The women of the Service Men's Wives Club want to thank all their friends who contributed rummage for their sale last week. Also we wish to express our appreciation to those who assisted in the sale.

WEDDING BELLS

Robert Charles Pennington and Phyllis Jean Schroeder.

Walter C. Glendenen and Ruth Harriet Exford.

Both ceremonies were pronounced by Rev. Hopkins in the new chapel room at the church on Tuesday, August 15.

Our congratulations and best wishes to these fine young people in this great experience.

EXPANSION FUND

It keeps on growing. New gifts are from Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers and Mrs. Joseph Miller.

TAXES AND CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Every minister and financial or stewardship committee faces the responsibility of explaining to church contributors the implications of the simplified income tax legislation recently enacted into law, according to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. "If this task is done adequately," declared Roswell P. Barnes, associate general secretary, "the churches need not suffer financially, despite the bad principle of the bill."

The Council points out that the taxpayer may still deduct up to 15 per cent for contributions to religious, education, and charitable organizations. This is to be done in the final return and computation for the year and will require certain decisions at the beginning of the year.

"The important fact to establish now," said Dr. Barnes, "is that he conscientious and generous contributor is to be put to an inconvenience in order to obtain his deduction. His loyalty to his church must be sufficient to prompt him to accept this inconvenience. This is what must be impressed upon him. The man who contributes nothing or a negligible percentage of his income will be allowed an unearned deduction and will obtain it without inconvenience."

When final details of the new procedure are available, the Council announces that guidance will be provided to the churches.—Religious News Service.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

He would not defile himself. (Golden Text).

A woman in Palestine sat under an olive tree sewing handmade lace or a handkerchief. A lady paused to inquire the price of her work, and to have a conversation. "Do you live here?"

"No, I live over the hill. Last night as I walked home a panther followed me, but because I carried a lantern and walked in the circle of the light, I was safe."

"You mean the panther would not attack you while you were in the light?"

"That is right, madam."

What a lesson this is for Christians!—Religious Telescope.

DOLLAR A WEEK CLUB

New Members: Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flowers.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., will again be the speaker at the Sunday morning worship service. His sermon topic will be "Looking to the Future." Rev. Hopkins brought us a fine message last Sunday, and we are all looking forward to another fine message this week.

ON VACATION

Rev. and Mrs. Beck and Martha Jeanette will be on vacation until the second Sunday in September. We wish them a very happy time.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome, Richard Wayne, son born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowker, Monday, August 14th, at Methodist Hospital.

VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tucker, formerly both very active members of First Christian, were present in the church service last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Davis held open house for the Tuckers on Sunday evening. Ted and Mae now live in Florida.

OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

The evangelization of America can never be accomplished through the single-handed efforts of ministers and professional evangelists—But the nature and magnitude of the task put it beyond the power of an employed ministry to accomplish single-handedly and unaided. America will be completely evangelized only when all who wear the name of Christ—laymen and ministers alike—recognize that they have a personal responsibility for the winning of the unsaved brethren to Christ, a responsibility which can never be discharged by proxy.—Evangelism.

WEEK-DAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Will begin in the Public Schools this coming semester under the supervision of Rev. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr. Please register your children for this course of study. There are several major reasons why these courses are necessary.

Time like these demand more and better religious education for children and youth. The short service of the Sunday School does not give enough time. Religion must be identified in the child's mind with week-day as well as Sunday life. To give every child a truly complete "education for life" which society owes him, he needs education in religion as well as other subjects of the week-day study program. The church has a right to a fair proportion of the child's week day time. Week-day church schools enroll large numbers of children not reached by any other agency of religious education.

CHURCH SECRETARY

The Church secretary will be on vacation for the week starting August 27th. Please call Mrs. Emma Schell, H-2773, if you have notices to be run in next week's Tidings. These notices should be in by Tuesday noon.

VOLUNTEERS

The Woman's Council will need volunteer women to carry on our Hospital Project. This will not only help the Council but will aid the hospital at a time when help is so badly needed in all avenues of work. Please call Mrs. Dilts, H-3071 or the Church Office after September 1st.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Wm. Coblentz and family in the death of Mr. Coblentz, and to Mr. Floyd Boschet and family in the death of his mother.

DOLLAR A WEEK CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby and Sgt. James W. Hirschy.

● CHINA COMBATS TUBERCULOSIS

Alarmed at the increasing development of tuberculosis in China, due to malnutrition and other war-based causes, the Chinese Government is sending Dr. S. C. Wu, head of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium of the Methodist Union Hospital in Chungking, West China, to the United States to study methods of combatting the disease through public health channels. Upon his return to China, Dr. Wu will take charge of a nation-wide anti-tuberculosis campaign. Meanwhile the hospital has established, with the cooperation of the Shanghai Medical College, a tuberculosis department on Happy Song Mountain, near Chungking. This is headed by an American specialist.



● MISSIONARIES RETIRE

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Carpenter went as missionaries of Disciples of Christ to Puerto Rico in 1906, soon after the island was opened to evangelical missions. For these thirty-eight years they have been completely absorbed in the evangelistic task, especially in the rural areas. Twenty-nine little white and green chapels dotting the hills of Puerto Rico bear tribute, in great measure, to their work. In April this year they were retired and will make their home in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moon were first known in their work in Congo, where they went in 1909. Mr. Moon helped to assemble the S. S. OREGON on her arrival in the field after being displayed in the Centennial Convention. He took her far up the rivers on evangelistic trips. In 1919 the Moons were chosen to open the work at Mondombe. After giving fourteen years to Congo, they resigned in 1923 to care for the education of their children.

Again five years ago the Moons were called on for missionary service, this time in Jamaica. There they have rendered the same unselfish service, and now retire with the best wishes of the whole brotherhood.

● CHRISTIANS MUST ACT

"The next twenty-five years will be of extreme importance to world order from the angle of racism," said a conference of Methodist churchmen recently. "If there is to be a Christian solution, not a racial war, the Western nations must act quickly to change their attitudes of racial superiority as expressed through imperialism, exploitation and discrimination. Unless they bring out radical changes in their political and economic thinking and practice, Christianity will suffer a tremendous loss of influence. Christianity is on the threshold of great opportunity in the Far East, but it cannot win its peoples to Christ unless there is evidence of brotherly consideration on the part of the governments of the so-called Christian nations."



● FOR RURAL PASTORS

Educational opportunities available to town and country pastors and church leaders have been announced by the Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council of North America and the Federal Council of Churches. The purpose of these courses offered by universities, state agricultural and mechanical colleges, theological seminaries, and summer conferences is to provide in-service training for church leaders, to help them to develop programs that will give the church a more commanding position in rural life, and to emphasize the importance of rural life and religion to the welfare of the nation and the world.



The Mission of This Church:

- To provide the public worship of God;
- To preach the redeeming love of Jesus Christ;
- To welcome strangers;
- To comfort the sorrowful;
- To help the needy;
- To create the spirit of Christian fellowship;
- To serve the community, the nation, and a needy world.



*God is in His Holy Temple;
Let all earth keep silence here;
Worship we in spirit truly,
Worship Him with hearts sincere.*

WHY I GO TO CHURCH ON RAINY SUNDAYS

I attend church on rainy Sundays because:

1. God has blessed the Lord's Day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for hot or cold or stormy days.

2. I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home for the weather.

3. If his hands fail through weakness, I shall have great reason to blame myself, unless I sustain him by my prayers and presence.

3. By staying away I may lose the prayers which may bring God's blessing, and the sermon that would have done me great good.

5. My presence is more needful on Sundays when there are few than on those days when the church is crowded.

6. Whatever station I hold in the church, my example must influence others. If I stay away, why may not they?

7. On any important business, rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.

8. Among the crowds of pleasure-seekers, I see that no weather keeps the delicate woman from the ball, the party or the concert.

9. Such weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built; it will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to keep an appointment.

10. Those who stay from church because it is too warm or too cold or too rainy frequently absent themselves on fair Sundays. I must not take a step in that direction.

11. There is a special promise that where two or three meet together in God's name, He will be in the midst of them.

12. An avoidable absence from the church is an infallible evidence of spiritual decay. Disciples first follow Christ at a distance, and then, like Peter, do not know Him.

13. I know not how many more Sundays God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven to have slighted my last Sunday on earth.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Mrs. Vaught will have a complete line of cards with her in the Church Office, Sunday, September 10th. Please arrange to see her that Sunday morning following the Church services, and make your choice of cards.

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BIBLE ON DOOMED BOMBER

Many heart-searching stories are being sent back to us from the field of battle. This field now covers not only the earth, but the oceans and the sky.

A remarkable act of heroism is reported of an American airman who, wounded and facing death as his crippled bomber plunged toward the sea, read from his pocket Bible to his wounded and dying mates over the intercommunicating system.

His name is Sergeant Howard G. Collett, of Thompsonville, Connecticut. He was reported killed in action October 26, 1913. He is awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Cross. Thank God for these pocket Bibles which our men are carrying and which many of them read devotedly. Here this young man gives us an example of an undying faith. The Word of God is the salvation of the soul, for by it we learn of Christ our Redeemer. Through this testimony, Sergeant Collett rests from his labors, but his works will follow after him.—The Watchman-Examiner.

One really has to learn the etiquette of making hogan (home) calls on the Navajo Indians or one will not know whether or not she is welcome, says Mrs. H. J. Reem'sma, missionary at Fort Defiance, Arizona. She explains that when one stops in front of the hogan those inside look out and see who is calling. If they go back and slam the door they want you to come in. If they come outside and close the door behind them, it means they don't want you inside, but will talk to you outside. If you enter, you sit quietly for some minutes, no one talking; then you quietly arise and shake hands with everyone in the hogan. Then you can tell the purpose of your call—probably through an interpreter. One of the most appreciated gifts, Mrs. Reem'sma says, is a religious picture to hang on the wall.

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DR. LOWE TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. Ephraim D. Lowe, General Secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Association, will be guest speaker at the morning worship service Sunday morning. His topic will be, "Pillars or Wells."

Dr. Ephraim D. Lowe has been in the ministry of the Christian Churches in Indiana for twenty-six years, before coming to his present position; having served as the pastor at the Memorial Park Christian Church, of Terre Haute, the East Lynn Christian Church, of Anderson, and for twenty years with the old historic Clive Branch Christian Church, of Indianapolis.

Beginning January 1, 1941, he became the General Secretary of the Indiana Christian Missionary Association, with offices in Indianapolis, working in conjunction with all of the 706 Christian Churches of Indiana.

He was born, reared, and educated in Indiana; having been born on a farm in Madison County, near Anderson. For many years he has served on several city, state and national boards of the Christian Brotherhood of Churches.

Too, he is a lecturer in the Department of Christian Ministries of the College of Religion of Butler University. His services have been called for upon numerous occasions throughout the Central West as a speaker in the field of religious themes.

CHURCH SCHOOL, 9:30 A. M.—CLASSES FOR EVERYONE.

COME TO BOTH CHURCH AND CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY.

Labor day Sunday is generally the one Sunday in the year when church attendance is the smallest. Many people take advantage of the double holiday to take a last vacation trip. Many people will be away, and there will be many visitors in Fort Wayne over the holiday. Bring your guests with you to church. The fine spiritual experience of doing so will be mutually helpful.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● CHRISTIAN LABOR LEADERS

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Boston, Mass., urges Christian churches to train specially qualified young men to serve labor groups, generally considered too far apart from the church in thinking and planning. "The church has for years trained Christian leaders for service in the ministry, in education, in medicine and hospitalization," says Bishop Oxnam. "What would be finer than for the church each year to give fifty of its best youth, well trained, to the labor movement. These leaders should be trained in labor and economics, and then go into industry as workers, begin at the bottom in unions and expect to give their whole lives to this cause."



● THE CHURCH IN INDIA

The annual convention of Disciples of Christ in India is shared in by the mission supported by churches in the United States through the United Christian Missionary Society, the mission of the Australian churches which is located in the

area of Bombay, and the mission of the British churches which is in the Calcutta region. Both of these other missions are small.

Indian leaders carry responsibility on all committees. All our organized churches are ministered to by well educated Indian pastors. Three national workers have been assigned responsibilities this year usually carried by missionaries. Four of the doctors ministering in our hospitals are nationals.

There IS a Growing Church in India—growing numerically and spiritually.



● THE HABIT OF PRAYER

Prayer grows from practice into a habit as does any other skill in life. Submit yourself to a discipline of prayer for six weeks, on a regular schedule, and see what a difference it makes in your life. God will be more real to you, and you will have less difficulty becoming aware of His presence with you. The brightness of prayer dawns upon us only after we have had experience in its practice.



THE NEGRO MAKES PROGRESS

Negro illiteracy has decreased in the United States from 70% in 1880 to 10% in 1940, so Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, told students of Tuskegee Institute in his Founders' Day address.

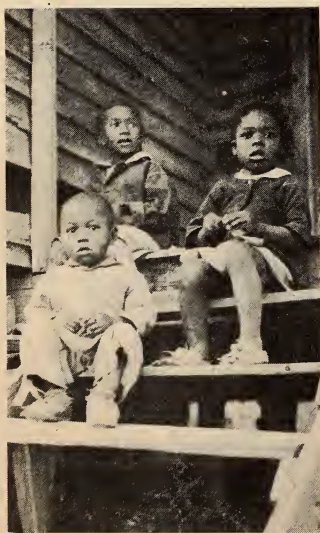
He also reported that the Negro life span has increased from 49 to 55 years in the past ten years, that more Negroes were graduated from colleges in the past decade than in all the previous history of the race, and that the American Negro has made the greatest progress in the shortest time of any race in human history.



NEGRO SCHOOLS OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE — HAWKINS, TEXAS

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE — EDWARDS, MISSISSIPPI





"For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work."

Mark 13:14

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NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

Religion is going to be of growing importance in the rehabilitation of men suffering from mental and physical injuries in the present war, according to United States Navy physicians reporting to the recent conference of the New York Academy of Medicine, under the chairmanship of Dr. Oswald R. Jones of St. Luke's Hospital. According to Captain Frederick J. Jostes, of the Navy Medical Corps, the services are finding that in order to restore men to active duty or to civilian life, after war injuries of any kind there must be "toning up" of the body, mind, and spirit. This calls for a psychiatric survey, religious counselling, social service, best given by religious leaders.

U. S. O.

The Woman's Council will serve the dinner at the U. S. O. on Sunday evening, September 3rd, from 5 to 7 P. M. Mrs. O. G. Schell is in charge of the kitchen. Miss Anita Fitch is in charge of the dining room. Music will be furnished by Georgiana Jones Judkins.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Esther Circle—At the home of Mrs. Fred Hilker, 926 High Street, on Wednesday, September 6th.

Ruth Circle—At the home of Mrs. Willis VanAlstine, Huntington road, Tuesday, September 5th at 2 P. M.

Rachel Circle—At the home of Mrs. Leo Blair, 2909 John Street, on Tuesday, September 5th.

Dorcas Circle—At the home of Mrs. Lawrence Sentman, at 3915 South Lafayette Street, Thursday, September 7th.

Martha Circle—At the home of Mrs. Martin Kimble, 1241 West Branning Avenue, on Wednesday, September 6th, at 12:30 noon. Noon luncheon.

Naomi Circle—At the home of Mrs. C. D. Palmer, 2625 Wells Street, on Wednesday, September 6th, at 8 P. M. Evening meeting.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday morning are given in memory of Edward Cremer, by his mother, Mrs. C. E. Cremer. Edward was the first casualty reported from the many who are serving in the armed forces from our church.

INJURED

Word has been received here that Staff Sergeant Kenneth A. Schell was injured when a bomber in which he was serving, crashed in France recently. According to word received he is now able to be up and around.

REV. AND MRS. BECK

Our minister and his family will be with us again soon. Rev. Beck will be in the pulpit Sunday, September 10.

WEEK DAY CHURCH SCHOOL

These schools are not new, although they are being set up in the Public Schools of Fort Wayne, for the first time, this fall.

The parents or guardian is required to sign a card asking that the child be excused to attend the week-day church school classes. Pupils who do not wish to attend the classes stay in the public school where activities are provided for them, such as, supervised study, an elocution course, a reading period, course in ethics, etc. No required subject is missed. The class sessions, while perhaps divided in the lower grades, should not be less than fifty or sixty minutes a week. This week day school is not a substitute for the Sunday School.

EVANGELISM

Only as a congregation becomes possessed of a winsome, happy spirit, only as it demonstrates a fear-destroying faith, only as it shows an unselfish and sacrificial concern for all who are in need, only as its members live above the ordinary standards of the day, will the unchurched be likely to give much heed to the message it declares. It should be remembered that men did not come to an appreciation of the life our Master lived through listening to the message he taught, but rather, that they gave attention to his message because they were first attracted by the life he lived. Even so it is today. Desire comes not so much from the class room or the lecture platform as from the observing of others in possession of something of apparent value which the observer does not himself possess.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Worship 10:30 a. m.

"How To Do Your Best Where Your Are"..... Morning Sermon

OUR MINISTER WILL OCCUPY THE PULPIT THIS SUNDAY

We cannot all determine where we are to be. But we can determine the kind of folk we are to be. We can determine our sky line as some one has suggested. Some guide their lives by the storm clouds as they lower, others by the activities of their neighbors. But we know that real pilots guide their ships by the compass, and the stars. When the storm clouds lower, they watch their compasses. When the weather is fair they check their compass to see that nothing has caused the compass to lose its accuracy.

Sunday affords the time when we check our compass and our skyline. Sometimes a stray metal or some extraneous matter may deflect the accuracy of the compass. This is revealed when the compass is checked against the stars. In our own days some extraneous matter crosses our work-a-day place and the rightness of our lives is deflected. In the atmosphere and clear light of a Sunday morning spent in church we can again gain a correct direction.

OUR CONSCIENCE GIVES ASSENT TO THE INJUNCTION: ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLING OF YOURSELVES TOGETHER AS THE HABIT OF SOME BE.

A GROWING PROGRAM IN FIRST CHRISTIAN

History is being made in First Christian as a well integrated program is being unfolded.

The Women's Council enlarged and integrated by the addition of the Dorcas Society has united the women in a fine program which is to be placed in the hands of every woman. The program has been printed in attractive booklets.

The Church School will announce an excellent addition of instructors. Our well equipped Children house will furnish a most pleasant atmosphere for our children.

Our Official Board is well organized and the functioning committees are working on plans to integrate the life and work of the church.

MOVIE SUNDAY HAS BEEN SET — SEPT. 24th.

On this Sunday "movies" will be taken of those coming to the Church School and to worship services and as they leave the church. This picture will be later shown at a "family night." Mark this date on your calendar.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 a. m.— We are expecting Our Children and youth now that the public schools are opened. Parents can greatly aid by seeing their children are in the church school regularly and on time.

ADULT GROUPS HAVE INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS. BE A PART OF THE CHURCH AT STUDY.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. GERALD MILLER.

The Deacons for Sunday are: H. K. Pritchard, Myron Cole, C. J. Kollman, E. Schlatter, Wm. E. Tracey, W. H. Imbody, Joe Clark.

The Elders for Sunday are: Walter C. Birkhold and A. O. Schell.

The Ushers for Sunday are: Chester Follis, Ray Barnett, Martin Kimble, Grant Munson and Clay Orchard.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday.



● FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Robstown, Texas, is located in a rich agricultural district, and has tended to become a center for many of the Spanish-speaking people who earn their livelihood in the harvest of the crops and fruits. Salaries are generally inadequate for living costs, and many are in need of special services which the church can render, particularly the children.

Except for some small "emotional" sects, ours is the only Protestant church in the town providing services in Spanish. It seeks to serve not only through the regular religious program, but in week-day activities for the children. Thirty or thirty-five come each Wednesday afternoon for games, group singing, handicraft, and worship, all under the direction of Pastor Samuel Rocha and his wife.

If present plans to move the church to a larger lot in a more desirable location materialize, a larger number of all ages can be interested in the program of the church.

The church has a resident membership of 52, with 15 additions last year.

● COST OF LIVING

The following chart on the rising cost of living commodities in India was prepared by Mrs. Sukhnandan whose husband is well and favorably known among the churches in America through his visit here two years ago:

Item	Approx. Price Increase
Rice	450%
Wheat	400%
Salt	140%
Oil (sweet)	400%
Milk	100%
Firewood	400%
Soap	1200%

On the average, these common items have increased more than 400% in one year. In other words, food which cost \$1.00 in India last year is now selling for \$4.40.



● INDIAN MISSIONS TOMORROW

If the church of tomorrow expects to make progress in the emancipation of the Indian it must adopt a policy that calls for a process of Christian assimilation into American life. Throughout the centuries the church has recognized no racial distinctions. God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe, the Father of all mankind. All men are children of God; all therefore are worthy of being valued and cherished.

We are in a period of transition from the old to the new. Most of the pioneer heroism is past. The task today is less glamorous. Indians need to be guided into regular American church life. In days of old the Indian took his religion into every phase of his life. The church needs to do the same thing today. Christianity must become a practical religion to him. It is the duty of the church to help the Indians enjoy all the benefits of a Christian democracy.

God Speaks to Us

*Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O Son of Man!*



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CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

C. Y. F. meeting, Sunday, September 10th, at 6:30 p. m. This is a special meeting with the new cabinet members taking charge. Also, this begins the Fall season and all members are urged to be present.

C. Y. F.

Cabinet meeting, Friday evening, September 8th, at 7:30 at the Church.

LOYAL REAPERS CLASS

Will hold their Annual Chicken Dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kimble, 1241 W. Branning next Sunday noon, immediately following the Church Services.

HOSPITAL PROJECT

Mrs. Dilts is now home and ready to receive volunteers for the Woman's Council Hospital Project. Call H-3071 or the Church Office, E-2737. Please do not delay calling.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Will be on display next Sunday morning in the Church Office. Make your selection now. Those wanting their names printed on the cards MUST get their orders in early.

ATTENTION LADIES

City School of Mission, September 20th and 21st. Every Church Woman is invited. Salem Reformed Church. Admission 25c.

1944 FALL CONFERENCE

September 20th — 10 A. M. continuing through morning and afternoon. County Churches to be represented. First Christian Church to entertain conference. Lunch at nearby restaurants.

CHRISTIANITY IS GROUNDED

Recently one of the leaders of the Godless Movement in Russia is said to have declared, as an explanation for the failure of more than a quarter of a century of propaganda that the Christian faith is like a nail, the harder it is hit the more firmly it holds. It has been so from the earliest days of the Christian Church.

And Martin Niemoeller and Bishop Berggrav and others like them in Europe are present day examples of how steadfast one's faith can be in the face of bitter trial. The old saying is true: "In the crises of life God comes."

The most dangerous time for Christianity are not the times of opposition and persecution but the times of prosperity and luxury. When faith is tried in the fires of hardship, it is always strengthened and purified.—Christian Observer.

FLYING ABOVE THE CLOUDS

The air-minded boys of today are eager to fly. A budding ace told his weeping mother as he was about to cross to England.

"Don't worry about me being up in the air. Flying high in my fighter-plane thrills me with intense pleasure beyond anything on earth."

Such boys cannot be held back. "A furious and headstrong desire," said someone, "breaks through dangers and death, conscience and religion, even hopes of heaven or fears of hell."

The desire to soar in spirit, likewise, if equally intense, will surmount all obstacles, pierce the clouds and the stratosphere of near-earth limitations, and not be satisfied until heaven itself is reached. It all depends upon whether one's mind is set "on the things that are above" or "on things that are upon the earth."—The Lutheran.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 A. M.

SERMON SUBJECT: "HOW TO STAND FOR THE RIGHT"

What are your decisions? We are making them. Our attitude toward church is the result of decisions. Free salvation must not make us forget the part that our efforts must put into it. You will be making a decision concerning next Sunday's worship service. God will open the door to worship, but it is up to you to climb the steps that lead to it. You must make that decision.

Let us not delude ourselves that we are making no decisions about the church. We are deciding whether a bit of pleasure is more valuable than a Sunday morning pride with God's people. We are deciding that the making and accumulating of money and position is greater or less than our responsibility to God. You are saying my salvation rests in things—and we are cluttered with them—or my salvation rests with Christ. We may think we escape this by making no verbal comment. But our actions speak. They shout at our neighbors and friends and associates, metaphorically speaking.

In order for you to see your Master you must open your eyes. He alone can give your life the power to drive it forward. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these (other) things will be added unto you." But it is up to you to prepare the machinery. You must keep it in order. A good mechanic will prevent a rusty part or a clogged pipe from putting an obstacle to hinder the way of the stream.

In church on Sunday in the hour of worship you may experience the opening of the door. You may set your life aright again. In these days we need to be good spiritual mechanics.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

WE COME OF AGE, FINANCIALLY

A new and important feature of our finances beginning the first of the year was recently adopted by our official board. Facing the fact that we should be a part of all co-operating agencies in our Brotherhood and a part of the great causes of co-operating Christian causes of world wide significance, facing the new status of the church in the support of week-day religious education in our community and local charity calls, fifteen per cent of the pledges, unless otherwise designated, will go into the fund for the world wide work of the church and charitable causes. This fund will be most carefully allocated by a special committee. This will place our church in the stream of today that is working for the building of the kingdom of God.

GRATIFIED AND HOPEFUL

Our fine responsive congregations on Sunday morning are growing. They can and must be larger. We have many visitors. A larger percentage of our congregation are coming to church.

Many are remarking about the cordial atmosphere that pervades our church. The reverent and worshipful spirit that accompanies our worship and communion with God. Our hospitality committee, our ushers, our deacons and our elders are making a notable contribution here.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Many were back in their places Sunday. Many more should be regularly in our Church at study. Our boys and girls and youth should be there. Parents can greatly help here.

● A RIVER CHURCH

Our mission boat the SS OREGON was built in Pittsburgh, Penna., dedicated at the Centennial Convention there in 1909, and made its first trip up the Congo River in November, 1910. Mr. E. R. Moon and Mr. R. S. Wilson assembled the parts when they arrived in Congo and started it on its long years of service in the Kingdom.

At the present time its captain is John Inkima, a trained native, under the supervision of Mr. Herbert Smith, who also has served in Congo since 1909. Captain John is an ordained minister and when the boat is tied up for the night on one of the trips up or down our rivers, a service is held with Captain John doing the preaching. So we call the OREGON our Floating Church.

During 1943 the boat made sixteen long trips, more than 6,000 miles. It carries cargo from one station to another,

moves the missionaries, takes them to conferences and on evangelistic trips, carries the sick to the doctor, and the doctor to the sick. The two-toned whistle announcing its arrival at a village or a mission station, thrills both natives and missionaries.



● TREASON IN THE HOME

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, citing figures which show the nation-wide rise in juvenile delinquency, states: "Religious, educational and civic institutions combined with law enforcement agencies in a solid front can go far in overcoming this menace, but home training is indispensable. Neglectful, thoughtless parents who fail to teach and discipline children will inevitably be required to explain at some future date their reasons for neglect — their treason in the American home."

YEAR OF DEDICATION

A call is being sounded in our churches all across the country for a Year of Dedication. Believing that the church must plan its program, not in terms of its limitations in personnel or money, but in terms of the souls that must be saved, the world that must be redeemed, regardless of the cost or the sacrifice necessary to achieve it, the call is for dedication comparable to the need.

— Dedication of Self — the personal commitment of the individual to Christ, involving continual growth and active witness in behalf of the Kingdom of God;

— Dedication of Life — the enlistment of the youth of the church for ministry in the churches of America, for missionary service in the home land and in other fields including the countries of Europe which will be faced with a serious loss of leaders when the war is over;

— Dedication of Possessions — the generous giving of material wealth, a part of the very life of the individual, for the Kingdom of God;

— Dedication of Service — volunteer workers in the church, reaching out to meet the need of the community;

— Dedication of Purpose — the granting of first call on spiritual resources to the Kingdom of God.



GO TEACH

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COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 A. M.

SEPTEMBER 24TH

This is to be a great day in our church and school. The Progressive Class is to have a Home Coming. Other classes will plan other features.

GREAT EVENING SEPT. 26TH

On Tuesday evening next week the teachers and officers of the church schools of Fort Wayne are to be honors in a great banquet that is to be held in the gymnasium of the West Creighton Avenue Christian Church. Dr. Roy Burkhart of Columbus, Ohio, is to be the guest speaker. He is one of the outstanding authorities on the subject of personal counselling. He has written numerous books on the church and youth and has demonstrated his ability in the great church of which he is the minister in Columbus, Ohio.

Our Religious Education committee voted to send our teachers as guests of our Sunday School to this meeting. Our minister was chairman of the committee that secured Dr. Burkhart and is arranging the program.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAYS

Many people have commented upon the singing of our choir and our people. Special comment has been made on the good selection of special numbers. We are coming to appreciate our fine minister of music, Mr. Gerald Miller. Mr. Miller wants to increase the size of our choir. If you know of anyone who sings well and might be available, please see that he becomes acquainted with Mr. Miller.

WELCOME, MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON YOQUELET

We are indeed happy to welcome this fine man and his wife into our church fellowship. They have two lovely children and we rejoice as we see this family united in the church. Mr. Yoquelet is to be baptized this Sunday following the worship service.

COUNTY CONFERENCE

The County Conference of the Disciples of Christ will be held at First Christian Church Tuesday, September 19th.

Those having their pledge paid in full for the third quarter will have their names printed in early issues of the **Tidings** in October. The church should pay its bills promptly. This the church can do if each of us pay our pledges regularly. **PAY YOUR CHURCH FIRST.**

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST CONVENTION—1944

Will be held at Columbus, Ohio, October 17-22. Conventions are always very inspirational, especially to those who attend. Let us try to have a large group from this church attend this year at Columbus.

WELCOME, MR. CAMPBELL

We are very happy to welcome Mr. Alex Campbell into the membership of our church. Mr. Campbell is a direct descendent of Thomas Campbell, author of the famous Declaration and Address, and Alexander Campbell, one of the fathers of our movement's a great, great uncle. Mr. Campbell comes to us from the church in Bloomington, Indiana, where he was active and a leader in the First Christian Church among the young people when he was a student in Indiana University. Mr. Campbell is the United States District Attorney for the Federal Court located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Nettie Funk and Mrs. H. G. Hiler lost their sister, Mrs. Hess. Our sincere sympathy goes out to them in their sorrow.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

At Salem Reformed Church, September 20th-21st. Registration 25c. Get your tickets from Mrs. C. F. Durfee.

Invite a Guest to Come With You
Next Sunday.

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WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st

Everywhere in Army Camp, Naval Base, on Shipboard, in our beloved homeland, across the seas, in mission fields, in churches, large and small, men and women, boys and girls, will be assembled about the Communion table next Sunday. As we observe the world torn by division and strife, Christians must maintain a fellowship that is unbroken and unbreakable.

"This do in remembrance of me" will not only call men and women together who confess Christ as their Lord and Master, but will consecrate afresh the glorious task of building his kingdom of love on earth.

Church literature is glorious with the stories of how the celebration of the Lord's Supper gave strength and endurance in times of trouble and in hours of danger. The church is no stranger to trouble. It has lived long. It has seen the unfaithful turn away and it has grown stronger as the faithful grew stronger as they remained true. Difficult days only make Christians stronger.

Sermon: "How To Deal With Resentment"

Worship 10:30 A. M.

Come Early

Churches everywhere Sunday are trying to have 100% Attendance.

ORGANIZATIONS OF OUR CHURCH ARE ASKED TO CONTACT MEMBERS

BY MAIL, BY TELEPHONE, BY PERSONAL CALL

URGE EVERYONE TO GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

We are delighted with our attendance. Fine appreciation and consideration are shown by our congregation as more and more they come to the services on time.

SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY IN OUR CHUURCH

A GREAT NEW PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED.

SEE THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY

(9:30 a.m.)

The Faculty of our Church School

Superintendent

Donald L. Crouse

B. W. Leversee, Asst.

Children's House

Nursery

Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Mrs. Gerard, Mrs. E. E. Evans and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr.

Primary and Beginners

Mrs. Lynn Miller, superintendent, Mrs. William Crouse, Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. A. O. Schell, and Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Donald L. Crouse and Miss Erchie Owen, secretary.

Intermediates

Miss Pearl Heidecker, superintendent, John Davis, Collins Mamman, Mrs. David Hogg, and Miss Ethel Shroyer.

Juniors

Mrs. Robert T. Beck, superintendent, Miss Elaine Jones, Assistant Superintendent, Miss Harriet Treece, Mrs. Alice Ann Beasley, Delmos Young, Mrs. Esther Clipp, Mrs. Bertram Leversee, and Mrs. H. M. Flowers.

Adults

Mr. Charles D. Dilts, Mr. A. O. Schell, Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Miss Leah Miller, Miss Faye Woodhill, Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mrs. W. L. Hilbush, Mrs. Charles Dare, Bret R. Young, Clea Halleck and Gerald Miller, leader of music.

The Education Committee is composed of Miss Sarah Shroyer, chairman, Donald L. Crouse, Bert Leversee, Miss Elaine Jones, Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., John W. Davis, and Robert T. Beck.

Miss Kathryn Leversee is secretary of the Church School and Mrs. Dorothy Halleck is treasurer of the Church School.

● YOUTH PROGRAM IN AN ARGENTINE CHURCH

The Colegiales Christian Church of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is fortunate in having a loyal group of young people in its membership. In the few months that we have been here, it has given us no little satisfaction to see them attending our church services with regularity and helping in all departments of our church program.

Regular meetings are held on Saturday evenings, and there is usually one devotional, one cultural, and one social meeting each month. The young people of all our churches in the city are invited. One evening the group from our Belgrano Church presented an interesting program about the Indians of the Argentine Chaco.

But one evening each week has not given us sufficient time to do all that we have planned to do. So Friday evening has now come to be considered youth night in our church program. We started during the summer with volley ball games in our patio. As more young people came, we added other activities such as folk games, and we look forward to table games, parties, dramatics and handcraft. Young people of our community who do not belong to our organization, as well as those from our other churches in the city, have been taking part in these Friday night programs.

Our group cooperates with the Argentine Federation of Evangelical Youth Groups, the interdenominational youth organization of Buenos Aires. We have a young peoples class in the church school. Some of our young people are teachers and officers in our children's department. One of the members is a full-time student in the Union Theological Seminary, and another is a part-time student.

—Paul Andress, Missionary.

● CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY HONORED

The University of Nanking, now in Chengtu, has been chosen as one of six institutions to send a representative to the United States for one year under an arrangement made by the Cultural Division of the State Department. This is a signal honor for the school, and a recognition of its contribution to culture and education.

One of the graduates of 1930 has recently come to Chengtu to become head of the provincial Agricultural Improvement Station. Another has been sent to the United States by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to study soil Conservation. Still another has just returned from an extensive trip to Northwest China as a member of a group of specialists sent by the Central Planning Commission of the Government to investigate transportation, conservation, agriculture, public health, social problems, and education in that region.

This Christian institution is making a considerable contribution to West China in these days of enforced absence from the home campus in Nanking.



● STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

1. The Christian recognizes that God, the Heavenly Father, has a purpose for his world.
2. That purpose is expressed in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Kingdom of God.
3. To realize this Kingdom, God has placed responsibility upon man, giving him all the spiritual and material resources necessary to accomplish the divine purpose.
4. In the acquisition and use of these resources, man is the Steward of a loving Father and is responsible to him for the manner in which he discharges this trust.

—United Stewardship Council.



Communion Meditation

As with bowed heads we remember the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we hear him speak to us as to those disciples who lived with him day by day, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of?" And we eat and drink in humility, acknowledging that because of our failure to follow Him whole nations still sit in darkness without the message of the Cross.

Quicken in us, O God, the will to live like Thy Son, loving and serving others, to the end that the world may know Thee as a loving Father.

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THE CHURCH IS YOU

If the Church raises money you give it. If the church secures new members you do it. If the church has a great church school on Sunday you do it. If the CHURCH is FILLED on Sunday—you do it. If the church joins in World Wide Communion Sunday, **you do it.** If Christ lives among men. **YOU DO IT.** If he fails, **YOU DO IT.** Brother church member isn't our obligation plain? For the church is **YOU.**

A CHURCH LIBRARY

Sunday our superintendent said the church school treasury would match the gifts of the members present to form a church school library. An offering was taken. \$42 was received. We shall have a library fund of \$84.

BOOK STORE

In addition to the above good books are to be made available to our members. This will include good Bibles of latest translations.

OVER FORTY

First Christian was represented by forty-three members at the great dinner honoring officers and teachers of our church school.

Twenty-five churches of our city were represented. First Christian believes in co-operation and will always do their share and more.

YOUR HEARTHSTONE

Sunday would be a good day to pick up your hearthstone for this quarter. Begin this quarter right by using the Hearthstone every day. 10c for three months of helpful inspiration for prayers and devotions.

MADE STRONGER

Paul speaks in the letter to the Romans concerning the strengthening of faith that come in close fellowship one with the other.

Our church is being made stronger by the incoming of fine life into our church.

We are happy to welcome into our church Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson who come to us from the church at Evansville, Indiana where Mr. Parkerson was chairman of the Official Board

of that church.

We welcome, also, Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr. Mr. Hopkins is director of religious education of the week-day religious education in the public schools of Fort Wayne. They come from Saybrook, Illinois.

We welcome Mr. Roy Olson from Minnesota.

By Baptism we are glad to receive Mr. and Mrs. Powell Simonton. Mr. and Mrs. Simonton are one of many couples that have recently been received by baptism into this church. We anticipate a fine fellowship.

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SUNDAY IS MOVIE SUNDAY

Get in the Pictures Next Sunday.

Movies are to be taken of people, children and adults, coming to Sunday School and Church next Sunday. A number of the films will record colored pictures. PICTURES WILL AGAIN BE TAKEN AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH—THESE FILMS WILL BE SHOWN AT A LATER DATE—GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE CHURCH MOVIES.

Church School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Sermon subject: "How to Answer Life".

A CHURCH LIBRARY—ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY

Members are asked to come to the Church School prepared to make a contribution toward building a modern library for our Church and Church School.

WILL HONOR TEACHERS AND OFFICERS

Dr. Roy D. Burkhart of Columbus, Ohio, will be guest speaker, Thursday evening, 6:30 p.m.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

Every woman of the Church is invited. Time: 2:30 p.m. Program includes Mrs. H. W. Sigrist, Mrs. David Hogg, Mrs. H. M. Lehman, Mrs. W. C. Birkhold, Mrs. J. V. Gerard, Mrs. Robert T Beck. Mrs. J. H. Whitbey, president, will conduct the business session. Dorcas Circle, hostess.

C. Y. F. SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30

Consecration service. All youth of the Church are invited. Youth, you will like it.

PAY YOUR CHURCH FIRST!

September will end the third quarter of our financial year. In the early issue of the Tidings in October will appear the names of those who have their pledges paid to the end of third quarter.

Movie committee for Sunday consists of Charles Kollman, Owen Vaught and Rev. Beck.

Your Church Calls You to Worship Sunday

● WORTHY SERVICE

Hazel Green Academy, Hazel Green, Kentucky, opens this month for its sixty-fifth year, bringing educational opportunity to seventy or more boys and girls of the southern highlands.

But Hazel Green offers more than a formal education, important as that is. There is added to the curriculum classes in woodworking and manual training for boys. Girls receive instruction in home economics, and help in raising and canning fruits and vegetables. Students become familiar with farm machinery, better methods in agriculture, animal husbandry, etc. Religious instruction is a regular part of the course offered.

For the whole community there is a motion picture show every other Friday night — the only one in the county. Hazel Green leads in other community services as is shown by the hard-surfaced road connecting with highways to the east and to the west, and by the county elementary school, both of which have been accomplished through the leaders of the Academy.

Disciples of Christ make it possible to continue this school through their support, supplementing the small sums which students are able to pay for entrance. Each year the funds available are made to stretch far beyond reasonable expectation in order to include in the enrollment every boy or girl possible, but seldom are the funds sufficient to admit all applicants. Where do they go then? Why, back to their homes on the hillsides, for there is no other high school for them.



● THE FAMILY OF GOD

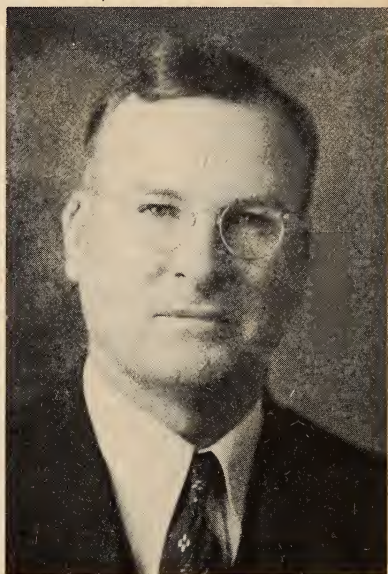
"Those who carry the Gospel through the world contribute to that most urgent need something more precious and more relevant than that which statesmen and diplomats can ever do. We need the statesmen's work, and, of course, we must pray for them that they might be rightly guided; but all that can be done by them

is to devise appropriate machinery for the kind of people who are actually in the world. There is something deeper that must be done before any solution can be really final, and that is the winning of men out of their selfishness as individuals or families or classes or nations into the fellowship of the family of God."

— *Archbishop of Canterbury on the occasion of the 145th anniversary of the Church Missionary Society, London, England.*



● MISSION TO THE FRENCH



Mr. John Newman is our veteran preacher in the French Mission of Louisiana. It was he who established all the churches we are now helping to maintain, and he continues to do evangelistic work in addition to serving as pastor of the Hi-Mount Christian Church in Lake Charles. Sunday morning usually finds Mr. Newman driving out to far sections of the community to bring children and older people to the service. The attendance averages from thirty-five to forty in both the morning and the evening worship services.



Places of Worship

*One day I worshipped in a vast cathedral
With massive pillars, lofty dome; I heard
The chanted prayers; saw the art, the splendor.
With reverence and awe my soul was stirred.
And reasonable pride was in my thought:
How wonderful the things that man hath wrought
To praise and honor God!*

*Again, I worshipped in a dim, sweet woodland;
I saw blue sky through swaying branches; heard
A waterfall go tumbling down the hillside
And, wafted on the breeze, a song of bird.
And deep humility was in my thought:
How more than wonderful what God hath wrought
To bless and hearten man!*

—Lyrel G. Teagarden,
Missionary to China.



WHY MAKE A CHURCH PLEDGE?

A survey of the giving in one of our good Oklahoma churches was recently made. It was found that ten families pledged and paid 37 per cent of the budget. Other pledgors provided the greater part of the remaining 63 per cent. Non-pledgors average \$.017 per week. At the rate of giving by the non-pledgors it would have required 10,000 members to have carried the budget of the church. The church has 450 members.

Miss Dyer has entered Butler College this week to begin preparation for a life of Christian Service. Miss Dyer is a young lady of unusual talents. When she graduated from High School, she ranked among the first ten per cent of her class scholastically. Last spring she confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized in this church.

Her present plan is to enter the field of religious education. Her fine personality, her ability to work, and her lovely Christian attitude presage years of beautiful service for her Lord. Miss Dyer has been employed at the G. E. and is an accomplished stenographer, bookkeeper and an expert as a comptometrist. It was at Summer Conference that this desire crystalized into a decision. She will be among the 500 that our Brotherhood is seeking for Christian service.

Her church in Fort Wayne will follow her with interest and affection and she will be in our prayers. God bless you, Miss Dyer, in this noble decision.

FORBIDS RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN IN FRANCE

GENEVA (By Wireless).—German occupation authorities in France intervened at the last minute to prohibit an extensive evangelistic campaign planned in Paris by leaders of the French Reformed Church.

Thousands of persons had gathered for the initial meeting in the Salle Wagram, one of the largest assembly halls in the French capital, when the authorities' decision was announced by Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the French Protestant Federation.

In preparation for the campaign, church workers visited the Montmartre and other Paris quarters, and distributed 120,000 invitations.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The executive committee will meet Wednesday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Church.

RUTH CIRCLE

Will serve a public luncheon October 3rd, at the church, from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Price 60c. For reservations call Mrs. Durfee, A-79024, or Mrs. Wilson, H-74113.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Woman's Bible Class, the Friendly Bible Class and the Loyal Reapers Class will meet for a dinner meeting Friday, September 29th, at 6:00 p.m. The program is being arranged by the Woman's Bible Class, will include a book review, "The Forest and the Fort", by Mrs. Charles E. Stiffler. Music by Mrs. Joseph Baxter; old-fashioned songs. Devotions by Rev. Beck. All women eligible to membership in any of these classes are cordially invited to attend.

OFFICERS SERVING

Elders: Mr. J. M. Fitch and Mr. J. Z. Berlein. Deacons: H. K. Pritchard, M. Cole, W. H. Imbody, C. J. Kollman, Joe Clark, E. Schlatter, W. E. Tracey. Ushers: Grant Munson, Martin Kimbe, Clay Orchard, Ray Barnett, C. L. Follis.

HARVEST GATHERING

It is nearing the time for us to be thinking about the Annual Harvest Gathering of food and money for the Emily Flynn Home at Marion. This benevolent work is church-wide and is sponsored by the Woman's Council.

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WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st

Everywhere in Army Camp, Naval Base, on Shipboard, in our beloved homeland, across the seas, in mission fields, in churches, large and small, men and women, boys and girls, will be assembled about the Communion table next Sunday. As we observe the world torn by division and strife, Christians must maintain a fellowship that is unbroken and unbreakable.

"This do in remembrance of me" will not only call men and women together who confess Christ as their Lord and Master, but will consecrate afresh the glorious task of building his kingdom of love on earth.

Church literature is glorious with the stories of how the celebration of the Lord's Supper gave strength and endurance in times of trouble and in hours of danger. The church is no stranger to trouble. It has lived long. It has seen the unfaithful turn away and it has grown stronger as the faithful grew stronger as they remained true. Difficult days only make Christians stronger.

Sermon: "How To Deal With Resentment"

Worship 10:30 A. M.

Come Early

Churches everywhere Sunday are trying to have 100% Attendance.

ORGANIZATIONS OF OUR CHURCH ARE ASKED TO CONTACT MEMBERS

BY MAIL, BY TELEPHONE, BY PERSONAL CALL

URGE EVERYONE TO GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

We are delighted with our attendance. Fine appreciation and consideration are shown by our congregation as more and more they come to the services on time.

SUNDAY IS RALLY DAY IN OUR CHURCH

A GREAT NEW PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED.

SEE THAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY
(9:30 a.m.)

The Faculty of our Church School

Superintendent

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B. W. Leversee, Asst.

Children's House

Nursery

Mrs. Anna Hirschy, Mrs. Gerard, Mrs. E. E. Evans and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr.

Primary and Beginners

Mrs. Lynn Miller, superintendent, Mrs. William Crouse, Mrs. Delmas Young, Mrs. A. O. Schell, and Mrs. Earl Fusselman; Mrs. Edwin Geerken, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Donald L. Crouse and Miss Ernie Owen, secretary.

Intermediates

Miss Pearl Heidecker, superintendent, John Davis, Collins Mamman, Mrs. David Hogg, and Miss Ethel Shroyer.

Juniors

Mrs. Robert T. Beck, superintendent, Miss Elaine Jones, Assistant Superintendent, Miss Harriet Treece, Mrs. Alice Ann Beasley, Delmos Young, Mrs. Esther Clipp, Mrs. Bertram Leversee, and Mrs. H. M. Flowers.

Adults

Mr. Charles D. Dilts, Mr. A. O. Schell, Mrs. Robert C. M. Scott, Miss Leah Miller, Miss Faye Woodhill, Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mrs. W. L. Hilbish, Mrs. Charles Dare, Bret R. Young, Clea Halleck and Gerald Miller, leader of music.

The Education Committee is composed of Miss Sarah Shroyer, chairman, Donald L. Crouse, Bert Leversee, Miss Elaine Jones, Robert M. Hopkins, Jr., John W. Davis, and Robert T. Beck.

Miss Kathryn Leversee is secretary of the Church School and Mrs. Dorothy Halleck is treasurer of the Church School.

● YOUTH PROGRAM IN AN ARGENTINE CHURCH

The Colegiales Christian Church of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is fortunate in having a loyal group of young people in its membership. In the few months that we have been here, it has given us no little satisfaction to see them attending our church services with regularity and helping in all departments of our church program.

Regular meetings are held on Saturday evenings, and there is usually one devotional, one cultural, and one social meeting each month. The young people of all our churches in the city are invited. One evening the group from our Belgrano Church presented an interesting program about the Indians of the Argentine Chaco.

But one evening each week has not given us sufficient time to do all that we have planned to do. So Friday evening has now come to be considered youth night in our church program. We started during the summer with volley ball games in our patio. As more young people came, we added other activities such as folk games, and we look forward to table games, parties, dramatics and handcraft. Young people of our community who do not belong to our organization, as well as those from our other churches in the city, have been taking part in these Friday night programs.

Our group cooperates with the Argentine Federation of Evangelical Youth Groups, the interdenominational youth organization of Buenos Aires. We have a young peoples class in the church school. Some of our young people are teachers and officers in our children's department. One of the members is a full-time student in the Union Theological Seminary, and another is a part-time student.

—Paul Andress, Missionary.

● CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY HONORED

The University of Nanking, now in Chengtu, has been chosen as one of six institutions to send a representative to the United States for one year under an arrangement made by the Cultural Division of the State Department. This is a signal honor for the school, and a recognition of its contribution to culture and education.

One of the graduates of 1930 has recently come to Chengtu to become head of the provincial Agricultural Improvement Station. Another has been sent to the United States by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to study soil conservation. Still another has just returned from an extensive trip to Northwest China as a member of a group of specialists sent by the Central Planning Commission of the Government to investigate transportation, conservation, agriculture, public health, social problems, and education in that region.

This Christian institution is making a considerable contribution to West China in these days of enforced absence from the home campus in Nanking.



● STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

1. The Christian recognizes that God, the Heavenly Father, has a purpose for his world.
2. That purpose is expressed in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Kingdom of God.
3. To realize this Kingdom, God has placed responsibility upon man, giving him all the spiritual and material resources necessary to accomplish the divine purpose.
4. In the acquisition and use of these resources, man is the Steward of a loving Father and is responsible to him for the manner in which he discharges this trust.

—United Stewardship Council.



Communion Meditation

As with bowed heads we remember the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we hear him speak to us as to those disciples who lived with him day by day, "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of?" And we eat and drink in humility, acknowledging that because of our failure to follow Him whole nations still sit in darkness without the message of the Cross.

Quicken in us, O God, the will to live like Thy Son, loving and serving others, to the end that the world may know Thee as a loving Father.

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A CHURCH LIBRARY

Sunday our superintendent said the church school treasury would match the gifts of the members present to form a church school library. An offering was taken. \$42 was received. We shall have a library fund of \$84.

BOOK STORE

In addition to the above good books are to be made available to our members. This will include good Bibles of latest translations.

OVER FORTY

First Christian was represented by forty-three members at the great dinner honoring officers and teachers of our church school.

Twenty-five churches of our city were represented. First Christian believes in co-operation and will always do their share and more.

YOUR HEARTHSTONE

Sunday would be a good day to pick up your hearthstone for this quarter. Begin this quarter right by using the Hearthstone every day. 10c for three months of helpful inspiration for prayers and devotions.

MADE STRONGER

Paul speaks in the letter to the Romans concerning the strengthening of faith that come in close fellowship one with the other.

Our church is being made stronger by the incoming of fine life into our church.

We are happy to welcome into our church Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parkerson who come to us from the church at Evansville, Indiana where Mr. Parkerson was chairman of the Official Board

of that church.

We welcome, also, Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Hopkins, Jr. Mr. Hopkins is director of religious education of the week-day religious education in the public schools of Fort Wayne. They come from Saybrook, Illinois.

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1944 WILL CLOSE WITH NEXT SUNDAY.

It seems proper that this year so full of strain and suffering of a terrible age should close with a day of prayer. It seems only God, Himself, can work out permanent values from a world that has brought havoc and destruction to so many millions of the peoples of this world. We need to turn to God who is our strength and our fortress for such a time as this.

1944 is the sesquicentennial of our beloved city of Fort Wayne. In more nearly normal times much would have been made of this occasion. But it affords us a time when we can rethink what our city means and the part we have to play in it.

In commemoration of this occasion our minister next Sunday will speak on the subject:

"THE CITY, THE BATTLEGROUND OF CIVILIZATION".

Come hear our minister next Sunday, 10:30 a.m. There will be fine music by our choir. Come in time to hear the organ prelude. Many of our members come early.

Last Sunday we received a fine soldier, a sergeant, by confession and baptism. He has been in the service four years.

On Christmas we received a member of the Canadian Royal Air Force, by confession and baptism. He has been stationed in Nova Scotia and only twice in ten months has he had the privilege of attending church.

THINK WHAT THESE MEN ARE FIGHTING FOR. Do we think enough of what our men are fighting and dying for to sustain them? The former soldier was for too long a time in the Aleutians, the latter, long in barren Nova Scotia. **DO YOU CONSIDER IT A TOO GREAT SACRIFICE TO COME TO CHURCH?** These men are offering their lives for our privilege of going to church. **HOW LONG, HOW LONG** will we continue to be ungrateful.

Larger crowds than we expected. Each time. At our old-fashioned Christmas party, at our Christmas Sunday worship service, at our beautiful candle light and carol vesper service. There were more than we anticipated. And everyone rejoiced.

GREAT RESPONSE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE CALL OF THE CHURCH TO DOUBLE OUR EFFORTS IN DECEMBER. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

CHURCH SCHOOL—9:30 A.M.

Everywhere comes word of appreciation for our Church School. The very finest of materials are doing use in our children's program. Your boy or girl will like our church school. Bring your children each Sunday.

The adult departments have capable teachers—they are bringing fine messages and conducting interesting studies.

Beginning the first Sunday in January the Progressive Class will begin the study of the book "From Victory to Peace." This book is being used in over a thousand adult schools from coast to coast by progressive classes. A. O. Schell says that this book promises a fine experience for the class he is teaching.

Our Cradle Roll grows. Soon there will be published the names of our babies on the cradle roll. The congregation were deeply moved with the presentation by the parents of their children Sunday in the service for blessing.

● A RESOLUTION

"God helping me, I shall so conserve all my powers of body and soul, and so dedicate my life to purposes high and noble, that I may render the maximum of service to my fellowmen, and be content to draw from society a reward that is in keeping with the service I may render."

—William Jennings Bryan, to
his Bible Class in a New
Year's Day Service.

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● NATIVE MISSIONARIES

We have some pretty fine native workers here on whom we will depend greatly, now that the Dr. Baker family and Gertrude Shoemaker have gone on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Hurt and I will be Mondombe's white staff until others return to Congo.

Here are sketches of some of our native leaders:

Ntange Timoteo and his wife, Mirium Bolei. He is pastor and head evangelist in the Mondombe work, a graduate of Congo Christian Institute, and a fine patient, progressive Christian. His wife helps with the women's work. They have no children.

Bowala Marc and his wife, Senga Yoana. He is assistant pastor, and caretaker of the boys' dormitory, where are from 40 to 50 school boys — another Congo Christian Institute graduate. His wife helps with the prenatal class and maternity work. They have six children at home and one married.

Bombo Pierre and his wife, Boonda Malia. Church elder, head teacher in the boys' and men's school, and teacher in the advanced school. Congo Christian Institute graduate. They have no children.

Nkang'ltoko Timoteo and his wife, Ononga Yoana. Head nurse in our hospital over seven to ten other men nurses. Church elder. He has been in the medical work here since the 1920's.

Bononga Thomas. A single man, hunchback, graduate of Congo Christian Institute, and in charge of the women's and girls' school.

I could, of course, tell you pages about the 80 to 100 evangelists in our back country work; of the other fine nurses in five rural dispensaries, four coffee plantation dispensaries and our little leper colony; of our girls' dormitory and the caretaker there; of our student evangelists, their gardens and their brick making; of all the other workers on the station. It is sufficient to say we will carry on with our hands full in a community that is trying hard to be a model Christian community in the midst of heathen poverty of body and spirit.

—Buena R. Stober.

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● WHO IS AN AMERICAN?

Determining who is an American is like determining who is my neighbor. The man who put that question to Jesus thought of his neighbor in terms of a fellow-religionist, a person who lived next door to him or around the corner — a person of his own clan or tribe or sect or social circle. Jesus gave him an unforgettable answer in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Who is an American? That term includes more than 300,000 Indians, 330,000 Orientals, 60,000,000 Anglo-Saxons, 10,000,000 Irish, 15,000,000 Teutronics, 9,000,000 Slavs, 5,000,000 Italians, 4,000,000 Scandinavians, 2,000,000 French, 13,000,000 Negroes, 1,000,000 Finns, 1,000,000 Lithuanians, 1,000,000 Greeks, 1,500,000 Latin Americans.

He is an American who loves America, the principles upon which she was founded, the belief of the Founding Fathers that all men are "created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," and who seeks to have these rights made actual and real in the life of every human being.



*Rest in the Lord today and all thy days,
Let His unerring hand direct thy ways
Through the uncertainty, and hope and fear,
That meet thee on the threshold of the year.*

—Edith Hickman Divall.

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AT THE SERVICE FOR BLESSING CHILDREN

Marilyn Kay Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Cole, and Thomas Albert Watson, son of First Lieutenant and Mrs. Thomas A. Watson, were presented for the blessing of the Church Sunday morning. The blessing and prayers of the church will follow these fine young couples and their dear little babes.

OUR CHURCH IS HAVING A SHARE IN THE NEW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT AS SOON AS WAR ENDS

The following have made donations to this Fund: Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Berlien, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilts, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Durfee, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehle, Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Eyer, D. Clyde Fox, Mrs. Albert Haddock, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Harrod, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kimble, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Love, Paul Mahohm, Collins Mannon, Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Miller, Fay Robinette, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Truelove, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Vaught, David Vesey, W. R. Westphal, Mrs. Ray Woodhall, Miss Fay Woodhall, Mrs. David Hogg, Marjorie Banks, Mrs. Rex Combs, Mr. and Mrs. William Crouse, Mrs. Helen Follis, Mrs. C. F. Kollman, Charles J. Kollman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Merle Markoetter, Mrs. Cora Kover, Mrs. Clara H. Nowles, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Imbody, Mr. and Mrs. John Frame, Mr. and Mrs. Bret Young, Mr. and Mrs. Merland Heller.

It is hoped that enough may be raised by this church to have one room dedicated by the church. H. W. Sigrist has given a large memorial costing \$4,200. Dr. A. C. Worley has given a memorial through the medical organization of this city. If you have not done so join this list of good people and help build a fine hospital in Fort Wayne.

You cannot kill a wrong idea except with a right idea.—"Christ Church

DECEMBER GIFT

The following have been added to the list of those who responded to the call of the church to double our efforts in 1945: Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Riethmiller, Miss Eunice Clark, Mrs. Daisy McIntyre, Miss Elaine Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Imbody, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. M. Heller, Mrs. Leo Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pollard, Mrs. Louise Nichols. These sent in contributions since the last list was published.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Special appreciation for Wayne H. Imbody who from the high seas sends a Xmas gift of \$10.00 to his church, and for Thomas Hirshey, also in the navy, who sent a check of \$15.00 for his church.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL

The Esther group will meet with Mrs. Wm. Hilbish, 328 W. Butler St., January 6th at 2:00 p.m.

The Dorcas Group will meet with Mrs. Bert Leversee at 902 Nutman Ave., on Tuesday, January 4, at 2:00 P.M. All members are urged to be present. Plans for new year to be discussed.

The Program Committee of the Woman's Council have announced a correlated program for January for the groups and the General Council meeting. The material to be used will be the Church and the New World Mind. Mrs. James Bundy of the Fort Wayne Presbyterial will be the guest speaker at the general meeting, January 16.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you have not already picked up your 1945 Church Envelopes, please remember to do so next Sunday.

C. Y. F. will meet next Sunday evening, December 31st, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a Watch Party at the home of Miss Kathryn Leversee. Transportation will be furnished.

